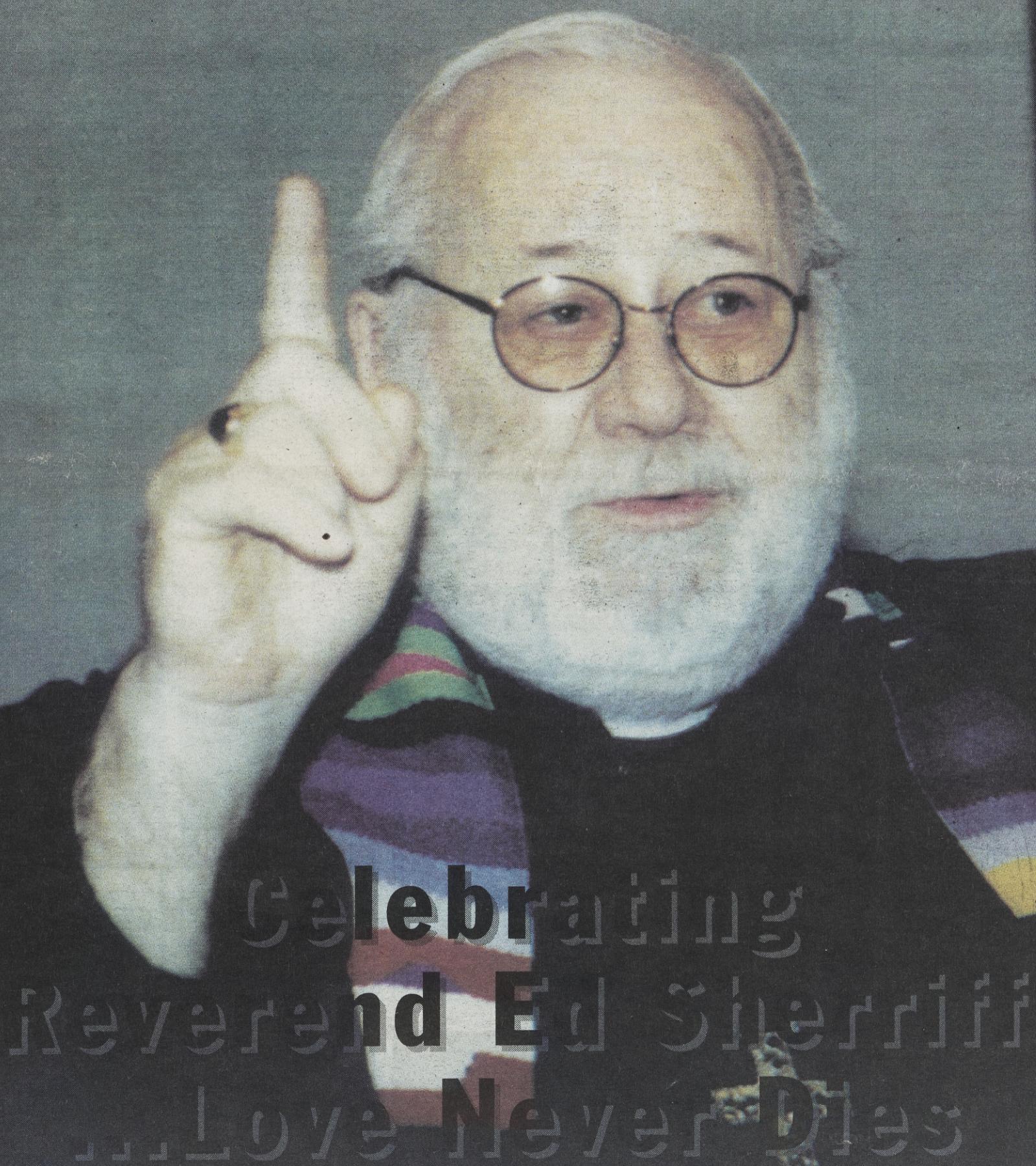


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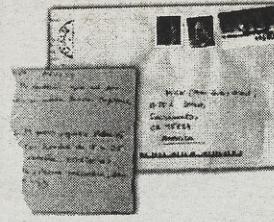


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Falwell Apologies

Dear Editor,

I was one of the 200 members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allies community to meet this past weekend with Rev. Jerry Falwell and 200 of his followers in Lynchburg, Virginia.

As expected, Falwell and his followers were gracious and hospitable. (A typical Southern trait which has little to do with anything in the final analysis.) In their eyes, we queers are sinners, we're going to hell, that's it for that...could you please pass me the lemonade and take a little for yourself before you do?

Something happened that I did not expect though: Jerry Falwell said he was sorry for what he has said about us because perhaps some of what he has said

may have led to anti-gay violence. Duh! WAIT! Jerry Falwell apologized! In all my dealings with folks like Falwell, the rarest thing one can ever expect is for someone like him to actually admit that something they have done or said is wrong. Jerry went the next critical step to say that he is going to be more careful about what he says in the future because he wants to stop the violence.

Among the 200 of us, were three gay/lesbian graduates of Liberty Baptist University (Jerry's college in Lynchburg). Those folks spoke through tears and with passion directly to Jerry. There were dozens and dozens of clergy from many different religions who stood firm in their belief in

love, compassion, and understanding.

I decided that the reason I was there was because I know that the hate directed toward us every day is derived in large measure from the hateful rhetoric which spills out of our TV sets, our radios, from our pulpits, and from our corner taverns every day. It's important that we tell folks when they hurt us; it's important that they know that hateful words can translate to hateful acts.

I care deeply and passionately about violence. I hold Jerry and many others responsible for words that have led and continue to lead to violent acts. I abhor that. Jerry heard condemnation of his words this weekend from two hundred of us and we looked him in the eyes when we told him and his followers our stories. He told us he's going to try to do better; we've told him that we'll hold him to his word and we'll go back to him if he lies to us. Jerry's new promise isn't necessarily much, but it is more than we've had before from a continuous leader of the radical religious right in this

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country.

Now we need to hold Jerry to his new standard. If he falls back to his hateful ways, we should remind him again and again of his promises. We should look him in the eye again and again. We should actively engage others who believe as he does and tell them of the pain and violence their words subject us to.

Also, we should renew our efforts across this country to stop violence, to stop acts of verbal violence whether those words come from a preacher, a co-worker, a politician, a parent, or a neighbor. Our work must take place at every level and at every venue because equality begins at home.

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LOCAL NEWS

City College To Host Protest

The state Capitol will be the site of protest against the California Defense of Marriage Act on November 9 by Sacramento City College students and local GLBT activists.

Republican William "Pete" Knight of Palmdale, CA wrote the California Defense of Marriage Act. The initiative will add fourteen words to the California Family Code, "only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

This initiative if approved by voters on the March 7, 2000 will make it legal for California to prevent the recognition of gay and lesbian marriages performed out of state.

Sociology students at Sacramento City College along with GLBT activists will protest at the Capitol on November 9, 1999 at 4:00pm. "This protest is to bring awareness against the Knight initiative before the Spring election," states Wil Mar a student at Sacramento City College. ▼

LAMBDA Seeks Volunteers

LAMBDA GLBT Community Services is seeking volunteers throughout North America to participate in the first-ever comprehensive online incident-reporting and support system.

Hate crimes are a serious problem all over the world. The Hate Crimes Documentation Network (HCDN), a project of LAMBDA, allows victims of hate-based violence, discrimination, and harassment to report online what has happened to them.

Anyone with access to a computer can join the HCDN. Volunteers are needed to make sure that victims, and

those who become aware of hate-based incidents, know that help and support are only a mouse-click away.

Victim service agencies, support organizations (such as P-Flag), lawyers, activists, and others willing to offer support to victims of hate crimes are also encouraged to join the HCDN.

LAMBDA GLBT Community Services is a non-profit organization working to help victims of domestic and hate violence, queer youth, and those seeking to understand sexual orientation and gender identity issues. The LAMBDA website is located at www.lambda.org. ▼

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Planned Parenthood To Offer Free HIV Testing

On December 1st, Miramonte Planned Parenthood offices in the greater Sacramento area will be offering free HIV testing from 7am-7pm. The following offices will be conducting the free test:

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▼ Capital Plaza Health Center; 1125 10th St., 444-7966

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▼ Woodland Health Center; 520 Cottonwood, 530-662-4646

▼ Yuba City Health Center; 730 Palora Ave., 530-674-2603

Music For The Movement

The Indigo Girls, long-time supporters of human rights and equality for GLBT people, have listed the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force as a resource on the cover of their latest CD, "Come On Now Social", and are distributing NGLTF literature during their current tour, which is taking them to at least 16 locales in 12 states.

The CD, which was released in late September, lists NGLTF along with several other human rights organizations: Women's Action for New Directions, The Honor the Father Campaign, Youth Pride, to name a few.

"I want people to remember that gay people are still hated because they are gay," said the Indigo Girls' Emily Saliers. "We have come a long way, but we have such a long, long way to go yet."

NGLTF Executive Director Kerry Lobel thanked the Indigo Girls for their work on behalf of human rights. "Their music lifts us up spiritually, but even more important, their activism and leadership on behalf of marginalized and oppressed people offers us a role model as we go into our communities and do the heavy lifting that is required to move progressive causes forward. ▼

A Special Evening Of The Spoken Word

On Friday, November 12, at 7pm, The Ebony Archives Reading Circle and Poetry 101 will host "A Special Evening of the Spoken Word" with reading by author G. Winston James, at the Open Book, 910 21st Street.

James will be reading from his collection of selected poems, in "Lyric: Poems Along A Broken Road," Grapevine Press, 1999. Co-editor of Afrekeete: An Anthology of Black Lesbian Writing, Catherine E. McKinley states, "Lyric has passion and mercy, rage and redemption, visionary power

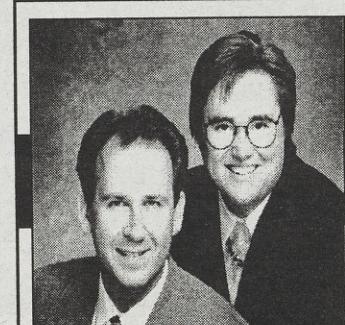
and resignation. It gives pleasure and prescription to us all-those who share the communities that G. Winston James represents so well; and those who wish to find a way in."

Lyric stirs the soul. Using images grounded in nature, it unveils and celebrates the wonderful in the everyday. Provocative and varied, it allows readers to travel along the "broken road" from exile to empowerment, loneliness to love, and loss to salvation. It sings/speaks to all people who possess the capacity to hear the truth and to love. ▼

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UNDER THE DOME

Gay And Lesbian Victory Fund Announces Current Endorsements Of Out And Outstanding Candidates

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund announced its current round of candidate endorsements for 1999. The Victory Fund is the only national organization whose central mission is to increase the number of exemplary openly gay and lesbian public officials.

"We are very excited to be supporting this fresh crop of out and outstanding public servants to the local level, where our community's future national leaders get their start," said Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund Executive Director Brian K. Bond. "These endorsements reflect our continued commitment to ensuring that gay and lesbian Americans gain an equal place at the table of public policy throughout the country, from the heartland to the big cities. We are working for the kind of fair representation among policy-makers that will improve the lives of all Americans and it starts at the local level. Only 180 of our nation's 500,000 elected officials are openly gay, lesbian or bisexual; we still have far to go until everyone has a voice in our government."

The following is a list of current endorsements for the 1999 elections, as well as a status report on previous endorsements for the 1999-2000 campaign cycle. ▼

The following list is those individuals up for new election in 1999

Joe Steffan-D for West Hartford Town Council

Louisiana:

Larry Bagneris-D for Louisiana State House of Representatives

Randy Evans-R for Louisiana State House of Representatives

Massachusetts:

Katherine Triantafillou-D for Cambridge City Council

Michigan:

Seth Chafetz-NP for Birmingham City Commission

Scott Robinson-NP for Melvindale City Council

Minnesota:

Al Oertwig-NP for St. Paul School Board

New Jersey:

David Sivella-D for Bergen County Board of Freeholders

New York:

Jon Cooper-D for Suffolk County Legislature

Judy Green-D for Mayor of Poughkeepsie

Daniel Stewart-R for Mayor of Plattsburgh

Ohio:

John Farina-R for Lakewood City Council

Texas:

Annise Parker-NP for Houston City Council

The following list is those individuals previously endorsed.

AZ, Tucson:

Jim Kolbe

U.S. House of Representatives

CA, Long Beach:

Dan Baker

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CA, Los Angeles:

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California State Assembly

CA, Los Angeles:

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U.S. House of Representatives

Janet Reno Offers Vision On Hate Crime Activism

Hate crimes are preventable. But their prevention has never been a top national priority. Now, however, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno is showing she's dedicated to making it one in every classroom and on every police force in America.

Reno, the nation's top law enforcement official, wants all the good, decent people sickened by the deaths of James Byrd and Matthew Shepard to realize that, powerless as we sometimes feel in the face of such horror, we can help rid our society of

hate violence.

"I have a dream," Reno told the largely gay crowd during a Human Rights Campaign dinner in Washington D.C. She then shared her inspiring vision of an America in which every teacher and every police officer is trained to help children as young as kindergarten age not to bully or despise one another. Hate is learned. It can be unlearned. Educators can play a vital role in preventing the development of the prejudice and stereotyping that leads to hate and leads to crime, Reno stressed. ▼

President Clinton Calls For Change In Immigration Law

President Bill Clinton and Democratic Presidential Candidate Bill Bradley are calling for the United States to end its discriminatory immigration policy towards same-sex couples.

Countries including the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia already extend immigration rights to lesbian and gay couples and on October 15, France became the 12th country to recognize gay and lesbian relationships for immigration purposes. The current United States Immigration Law allows U.S.

citizens to sponsor spouses, but not same-sex partners, for immigration.

Clinton publicly addressed his support of immigration rights for lesbian and gay binational couples noting a gay couple that was prevented from living together in the U.S. by immigration law. "They hadn't the same rights coming to America as they did in either Canada or New Zealand," Clinton said. "I don't think that's right. I think that ought to be changed. ▼

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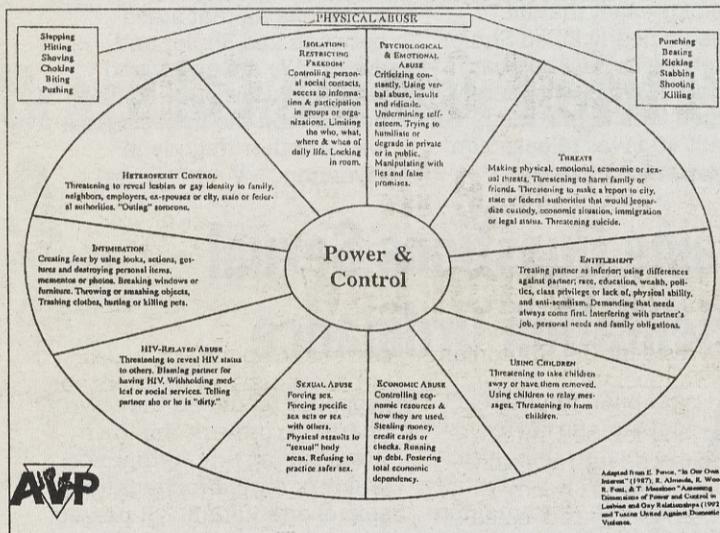
Domestic Violence: A Striking Reality

By James A. Boushka
Executive Editor

Domestic violence within the GLBT community can have deadly consequences as it did in Houston and Los Angeles last year—but not enough is being done to deal with the problem, according to a report on same-sex domestic violence issued this month that includes statistics from only nine geographic

by a boyfriend who also shot himself.

The fact that so few parts of the country are represented is an example of the problem. More areas would have been included if programs to track same-sex domestic violence were available in more areas, according to Jennifer Rakowski, the report's primary author.



areas in the U.S. More areas would have been included if programs to track cases and deal with the issue existed in other cities, according to the report's author.

The NCAVP report was released in October because it was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It documents 2,574 cases of gay, lesbian and transgender domestic violence during 1998. Two of the cases resulted in four deaths. In addition to the death of Marc Daniel Kajis and his former boyfriend in Houston, James Carvalho of Los Angeles was killed

The information in the report and the recommendations the group makes are still valid even though the numbers are available from only a few areas, Rakowski said.

"I think it's useful in terms of getting a nationwide picture. It is not something I would use to say same-sex domestic violence is up this year or down this year. That's not the purpose of the report," she said. The purpose is to raise awareness of the problem, that help shelters understand the need to deal with same-sex partners who are abused and to

Clinton Wants Wider Hate Crime Laws

President Clinton appealed for an expanded national hate crimes law that would offer specific protections to homosexuals.

"I think this is important for American and important for our leadership at home and around the world," Clinton said in a speech launching a new anti-violence television commercial.

Senate Democrats

managed in July to pass an expansion of federal civil rights law to cover gay people, but the House version of the spending bill for the Commerce, Justice and State departments does not include the gay-rights provision.

The measure would add crimes motivated by sexual orientation, gender and disability to the list of hate crimes already covered by federal law. Inclusion in

federal law means increased penalties and gives federal prosecutors the option of stepping in if local authorities decide against prosecuting.

"It seems to me very hard to make the case that America, for our own sanity and our own humanity and for what we owe to the rest of the world, should not pass strong hate crimes legislation and do it without delay this year," Clinton said. ▼

target policymakers on the state and national level who can help improve the situation.

Sacramento's local chapter of WEAVE conducted a survey with the assistance of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault and found that 35% of Sacramento County residents were unsure or unaware of the existence of gay/lesbian-sensitive counseling services for survivors of domestic violence in our area.

A common misconception is that domestic violence and sexual assault do not happen in our community that these crimes only happen to heterosexuals. The problem with such a viewpoint is that it isolates the GLBT survivor, and makes it very difficult for them to overcome the shame and denial that are often a part of victimization and reach out for the help and support they need to heal from the trauma they have experienced.

It is estimated that abuse occurs in one out of four same-sex relationships—the same rate we see in heterosexual assailants, as a form of gay-bashing, and sometimes within intimate same-sex relationships," according to WEAVE spokeswoman, Shireen Miles.

"WEAVE is committed to providing a caring, non-judgmental environment for anyone who needs our services, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, immigration status, disability or economic status. As a part of this commitment, we offer counseling for GLBT survivors. While all our counselors and crisis line workers are expected to work as empathetically

with a GLBT client as they do with any other client, it is also possible to specifically request to work with a gay or lesbian staff person. In addition, WEAVE now operates a "Lavender Line", a non-emergency line which a caller can use to learn about services for the GLBT community." To reach WEAVE's "Lavender Line", call 448-2321 x. 623. ▼

DNC Chair Blasts Bush For Anti-Gay Stance

Democratic National Committee (DNC) National Chair Joe Andrew blasted GOP Presidential Candidate George W. Bush for promising a group of conservatives that he would not appoint any gay or lesbian individuals to government positions. Bush's vow is the latest in a series of anti-gay stances taken by the Republican.

"George W. Bush's obvious pandering to the most right-wing members of the Republican Party shows his true colors," said Andrew. "Bush talks

a great deal about being compassionate, but in the end his anti-gay views show him to be an old-fashioned right-wing conservative."

In a closed door meeting, Bush told a group of conservative Republicans that he would not "knowingly" appoint a gay official to work in his administration. A campaign spokeswoman explained that she didn't think gay and lesbian Americans could "share [Bush's] conservative philosophy." ▼

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OUTLOOK

The Knight Campaign's Massive War

By James A. Boushka
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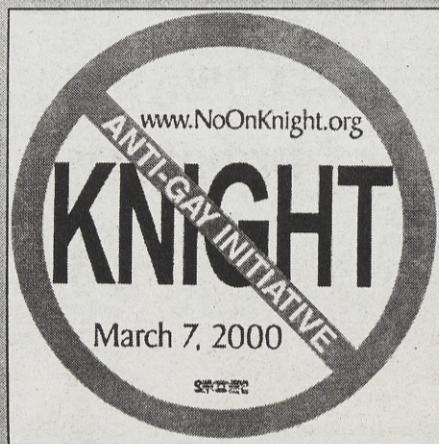
In just 90 days, proponents of the Knight Initiative raised an astonishing \$3.1 million dollars. That's right, \$3.1 MILLION! The unprecedented amount of funds indicates a right-wing campaign strategy that goes far beyond passing the anti-gay initiative-to one that many expect could be a full-out assault on the LGBT community and the recent legislative gains made this year in Sacramento.

California Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa and the No on Knight campaign warned

that given the large sum of money already raised, the Knight Initiative sponsors are likely to launch a massive and ugly TV and radio media campaign attacking GLBT people-similar to what was seen in the Hawaii and Alaska initiative campaigns last year.

Already, the Knight campaign has amassed a war chest of nearly \$4 million. It is likely, given that most money in an initiative campaign is usually raised during the last 45 days of the campaign, that the Knight Initiative sponsors will spend

upwards of \$10 million dollars over the course of the campaign. The vast majority of the Knight money raised thus far comes from the Catholic Church (\$311,000), the Mormon Church, and far



right activist Howard Ahmanson (\$310,000), a major funder of extremist organizations, including ones that advocate the death penalty for gays. The Mormon Church acknowledges a large Knight Initiative fundraising effort but refuses to disclose how much money they have collected. The No on Knight campaign has brought in close to \$900,000 to date.

"The right wing has rolled up its tanks to the California border, and they've got a huge arsenal pointed right at us. If the Knight

Initiative is as simple as they say it is, why spend millions of dollars on this campaign?" asked No on Knight Campaign Manager Mike Marshall. "Let this serve as a wake-up call to our community. We are in a for an ugly and unprecedented attack that we must harness all of our resources to stop. If we do not, everything we achieved this year in Sacramento and over the course of the past 20 years is in imminent danger of being undone. The unfair, divisive, and intrusive Knight Initiative must be defeated," added Marshall.

California Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa also spoke out against the Knight attack. "Californians believe in fairness-and this year in Sacramento we made great strides toward equal rights. The right wing has raised this mountain of money to try to turn back the tide. We're proud of our lives. The right wing, on the other hand, is raising millions to try to convince us that government should be able to try to convince us that government should be able to intrude in our private lives," said Villaraigosa.

The Knight Initiative, sponsored by right-wing State Senator Pete Knight, is on the March 7 ballot. The Initiative threatens hospital visitation rights, inheritance rights and other equal rights and protections that any two people in a committed relationship deserve. It increases the rhetoric of hate and intolerance towards gay and lesbian Californians and their families. And it would inject the government into the most personal decisions who we spend our lives with.

WIRE NEWS BYTES

UGLW Calls On Officials To File Stronger Charges

In the past year since Matthew Shepard's murder at least 20 GLBT persons were murdered in the United States. The October 9th attack on Les Schuler, an openly gay man, of Douglas, Wyoming came within a quarter of an inch of being fatal.

Local and national activists are calling this a case of irresponsible police investigation and prosecution. The alleged assailant in the near-fatal beating and sexual assault has been undercharged and allowed to roam free in the community. In spite of the fact that he allegedly nearly killed Shuler in the vicious baseball bat beating, Hoving was merely charged with aggravated assault and was released on this own recognizance.

Schuler required 36 stitches to close head wounds received in the attack. Doctors say that the blows came within a quarter inch of being fatal.

"It's a cruel irony that, with a national spotlight again focusing on hate violence against GLBT people, an attack like the one suffered by Les Schuler would come to light," said John Little, Executive Director of United Gays and Lesbians of Wyoming (UGLW).

"No means no, regardless of a person's gender or sexual orientation," summarizes Little. "One quarter of an inch is all that stood between Les Shuler and death. We are angry and saddened that once again gays are on the front pages with another tragedy in Wyoming." ▼

Maine Questions Sexual Orientation Ordinance

After a lengthy public debate, the Town Council in Falmouth, Maine, unanimously adopted an ordinance in April prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in the areas of employment, housing, credit, education and public accommodation. Since then, a ballot measure has been

proposed to amend the town's charter to prevent the town from making any "ordinance, policy or regulation regarding sexual orientation." If passed, the measure would nullify the existing non-discrimination ordinance as well as preventing the further enactment of protective legislation. ▼

Texas College Sticks By Gay Play

In east Texas college said it has determined to go ahead with a play about homosexuals despite church opposition and an attempt to sabotage the opening night by buying up most of the tickets and leaving the seats empty.

"I do not want the legacy of this institution to be that we sacrificed principle for dollars," Kilgore Community College president William Holda told WFAA TV.

Gregg County commissioner David McBride has said he will seek to withdraw a county offer of \$50,000 for the college's annual Shakespeare festival if the theatre department goes

ahead with the Pulitzer-prize winning "Angels in America."

The controversy started with local churches launching a petition drive to halt the play.

"This play is absolutely full with vulgar and explicit scenes, including one with two men embracing and kissing," the petition text charges.

An unnamed local businessman is trying to ensure a near empty house for the opening night by buying 150 of the 264 seats and not using them, Director and College Theatre teacher Raymond Caldwell said. "What he has done is donate \$750 to finance the production of the play." ▼

United Airlines Appeals To Gay Travelers

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United Airlines announced it has begun running print ads in national and local-market gay publications that target the carrier's lesbian and gay customers

with messages surrounding the airline's support for the gay community, a first for a U.S. airline. The new From Our Perspective ads are part of the airline's United Is Rising campaign. ▼

WIRE NEWS BYTES

United Methodist General Board of Church and Society Opposes Boy Scouts Anti-Gay Policy

By James A. Boushka
Executive Editor

Since its inception in 1910, over eighty-seven million youth and adults have joined the Boy Scouts of America. Churches sponsor 62 percent of Boy Scout troops, or 55 percent of all boys in scouting at all age levels.

The United Methodist Church sponsors 11,738 units, accounting for 421,579 boys in scouting.

"While the General Board of Church of Society would like to enthusiastically affirm and encourage this continuing partnership of church and scouting, we can not due to the Boy Scouts of America's discrimination against gays. This discrimination conflicts with our Social Principles," states a board document sent to the Boy Scouts of America.

The United Methodist Church, the largest single supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, strongly condemns discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Social Principles states: "We insist that all persons regardless of age, gender, national status, or sexual orientation, are entitled to have their human and civil rights ensured." ▼

Brazil School May Expel Gay Student

A gay 14-year-old youth could be expelled from a prestigious private school in Brazil because he has announced he is in love with a schoolmate.

The school has informed the student-identified by Folha de S. Paulo Newspaper only as "Pablo" - that unless he leave voluntar-

ily, he would be barred from returning next year because his public crush has made the other student uncomfortable and subject to taunts.

He said he wrote a love letter to "Marcelo," 16, at the start of the year and let other students know of his attraction after two years of keeping it secret.

"What I did, express-

ing my love, my passion, is something any boy or girl my age does endlessly. But because I'm different, I have to keep this secret or I become a problem," Pablo said.

The director of the São Paulo school told Folha that the teasing of the other boy would only get worse next year when the two share the same courtyard and cafeteria. ▼

Exploring Internet Hate On Jenny Jones

The Jenny Jones Show took an hour-long look at hate on the Internet earlier this month. One of the segments focused attention on the "God Hates Fags" web site developed by Fred Phelps of the Westboro Baptist Church, and featured two members of the Phelps family.

Hate on the Internet is a very important issue, and Jones deserves thanks for exposing her audience to the impact of such unregulated hate speech on all persons-race, ethnic, religious and sexual. However, as good a job as Jones and her audience did in exposing the hatred and

prejudice of the Phelps family, it is disconcerting that they were given the forum to spread their anti-gay rhetoric in the first place. Internet hate can and should be covered without giving a prominent platform to homophobic rhetoric such as that of the Phelps family. ▼

Boeing Follows Airlines By Extending Domestic Partner Benefits

The Boeing Co. announced it will extend health-care benefits to the same-sex partners of many of its employees beginning next year. The Everett Herald of Washington reported that Jim Dagnon, Boeing Senior Vice President, stated the company's motivation for extending such benefits.

"First to attract and retain talented employees, and acknowledging employees have different backgrounds, preferences, and interests." Boeing's benefits will apply only to salaried, non-union employees. The aircraft manufacturer's decision comes on the heels of similar announcements by a trio of major airlines this summer. In August, United Airlines became the first major U.S. carrier to offer full benefits. Within two weeks, American Airlines and U.S. Airways had followed suit. ▼

Tower Climber Sentenced To Jail

A woman was sentenced to serve 10 days in jail for climbing an electrical tower, where she spouted flames and danced topless to the amazement of drivers on Interstate 5.

Ara Tripp climbed the 180-foot tower on the morning of Sept. 8 as a stunt to protest discrimination against women and laws that allow men to take their shirts off but not women. Tripp was a man before undergoing a sex-change operation.

Atop the tower, she took off her shirt and began dancing, occasionally taking swigs from a vodka bottle, spitting out the liquor and setting it afire.

Traffic on a nearby interstate bridge over the Lake Washington Ship Canal slowed to a near standstill during the hour or so Tripp remained on the tower.

Tripp, 38, pleaded guilty to reckless endangerment and second-degree criminal trespass at a hearing in Seattle Municipal Court. ▼

Jefferson County Passes Fairness Ordinance

Jefferson County Passes Fairness Ordinance. By a vote of 3-1, commissioners on Jefferson County, KY, Fiscal Court approved a comprehensive civil rights measure called the Fairness ordinance that extend civil rights protections based on

sexual orientation and gender identity in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations. Jefferson County is the most populous county in Kentucky, containing nearly 700,000 residents, or about one in five in the state. ▼

Connecticut Schoolteacher Proclaims Victory

Retired 70-year-old schoolteacher Veronica Berrill of Danbury, Conn., and Katie and Neal Houdes, parents of a former student in Berrill's Brookfield High School, settled a lawsuit last week filed in 1996 by Berrill and alleging she was libeled and defamed after she posted a pink triangle declaring her classroom a "safe zone" for GLBT students.

Berrill had posted it in 1995, and told students that anti-gay epithets would not be tolerated in her classroom. The Houdes allegedly wrote letters to the Board of Education and to local newspapers

in the weeks that followed, accusing her of "homosexual recruiting" and advancing a "homosexual agenda."

While financial compensation was not revealed, a "revocation" statement released by Berrill and signed by the Houdes, said: "We revoke in their entirety all statements by us that may be construed as a personal attack against Berrill. We also revoke in their entirety all statements by us suggesting that Berrill circumscribed the rights of our daughter or any other students to speak openly in her classroom about their political, religious or moral views." ▼

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RELIGION

New Study Exposes Questionable Claims Of Ex-Gay Movement

By James A. Boushka
Executive Editor

A study released under the auspices of the Independent Gay Forum critically examines the lives and claims of prominent leaders of the "ex-gay" movement, exposing inconsistencies in their stories and questionable claims about the efficacy of "ex-gay" therapy.

The study, *The Ex-Gay Files: Not Your Usual Gays*, is based largely on an in-depth analysis of the testimonies, public statements, videotapes, audiotapes, and web sites of leading figures of the ex-gay movement, including John Paulk, Anthony Falzarano, and Michael Johnston.

The author of the study, Dr. Mark E. Pietrzyk, an adjunct instructor at the DePaul

University in Chicago, says that although a large number of these "ex-gays" have blamed the unhappiness of their previous lives on homosexuality, the more fundamental difficulty was they had serious personal problems arising out of a lack of self-control and a deficient moral sense. Their lives in many cases were plagued by alcoholism, drug abuse, sexual compulsion, or other problems, which they came to associate with the "gay lifestyle" rather than their own bad choices and failings.

Subsequently, they latched onto intense, sometimes fanatical religious belief as a way of coping with their out-of-control lifestyles and found comfort and purpose in ex-gay ministries.

However, when one closely examines their claims of a conversion to heterosexuality, one finds little in the way of persuasive evidence that their actual sexual orientation has changed, as opposed to their behavior.

Among the high lights of the study:

▼ In 1998, Exodus International, the umbrella organization for ex-gay groups, created and advertising poster showing a group of alleged "ex-gays" with the caption, "Can Homosexuals Change? WE DID!" Despite the ad's use of the past tense to suggest the program's effectiveness, in fact a good number of the persons photographed

were still undergoing counseling in an attempt to suppress ongoing feelings of homosexual attraction.

▼ Anthony Falzarano, one of the leading lights of the ex-gay movement, has told multiple stories over the years about how he abandoned the "gay lifestyle" and ultimately married a woman, stories which conflict with each other in important details.

▼ Colin Cook, a man touted by the religious right throughout the 1980's for his work as head of an ex-gay ministry, resigned from his ministry when it was revealed he had been engaging in sexual contact with male counselees. He later set

up a new ex-gay ministry in the 1990s, which was again widely advertised by the religious right, only to be once again charged by his counselees with engaging in inappropriate sexual behavior toward them.

Concludes Dr. Pietrzyk, "If ex-gay groups are successful in their expensive campaign of recruitment, we can expect to see more persons lured into unsuitable heterosexual marriages which prove unsatisfactory and eventually fail. Are 'pro-family' groups even capable of seeing the irony of such an outcome?"

Contents of the study are posted on the internet at: www.indegayforum.org

Bishop Tuell Asks Delegates To Drop Prohibition

A petition to delete the prohibition against United Methodist clergy conducting same-gender services on union has been sent to General Conference by Bishop Jack M. Tuell.

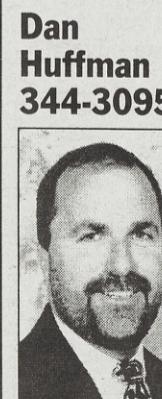
After presiding over the trial of Chicago Pastor Greg Dell, the bishop said he finds the prohibition, enacted in 1996, "Was not good legislation and should be changed by the 2000 General Conference." Tuell argues that it isn't fair to send clergy into communities that may be made up of 30-50% gay and lesbian persons and tell them to minister to all the people in their charge and then ask them to deny requests to bless

existing relationships.

The bishop also argues:

- ▼ General Conference voted down efforts to include the prohibition as a chargeable offense;
- ▼ We got along quite well for 212 years without the legislation;
- ▼ Administration of the prohibition is bound to be uneven, varying with the mores and views of different sections of the church; and
- ▼ The provisions of conducting a same-sex union are likely to hit some of our most able conscientious clergy the hardest.

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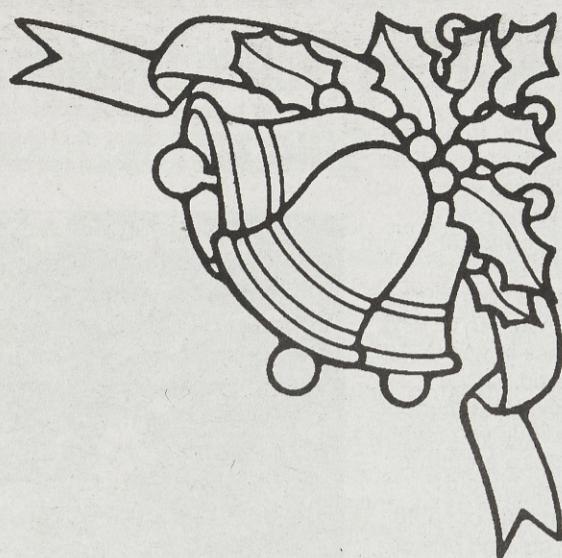
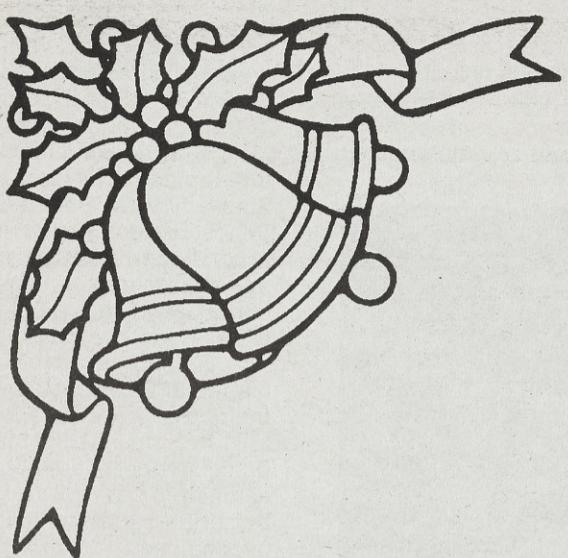
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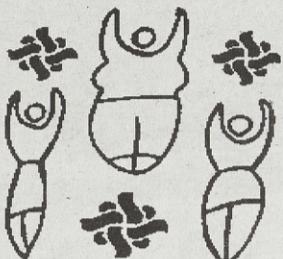
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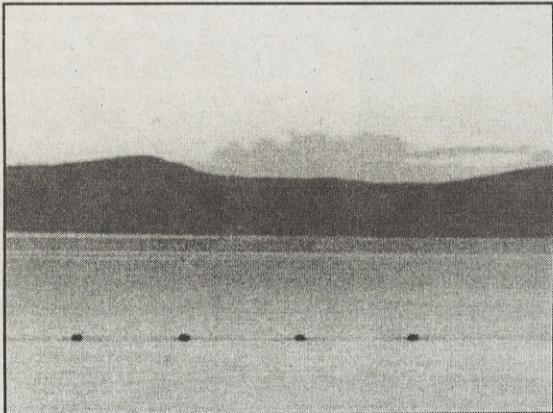
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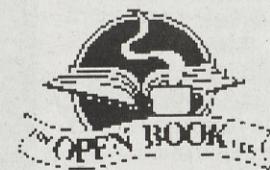


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FOOD & WINE

American Cuisine Tastes Southern France and Northern Italy

By Randy Hartley
MGW/Food Editor

The bright, inviting and friendly atmosphere welcomes you as you enter The Waterboy. Warm and comfortable, you will find the beautiful granite bar to your left an enjoyable place to sit and enjoy a glass of wine. An array of hand picked bottles provides a glorious selection while you review the menu for a premium entree. Owner Rick Mahan and his capable staff have created one of our city's finest restaurants.

Mahan is the executive chef and restaurant manager. A rare combination in Sacramento, this blend of talents is evident in the quality, consistency and overall warm professionalism of the entire operation.

When Mahan was attending La Sierra High School in Carmichael, he was an avid sports fan and magician. After an elbow injury while playing baseball he turned to the culinary part of his talents. Mahan's first encounter with cooking was watching his father, Paul, a cook in the U.S. Army, prepare the Sunday family dinner. Recently, I saw Paul at The Waterboy and he indicated that he still loves to cook supper on Sunday if only for his wife.

From 1976 to 1979 Mahan began his culinary career at the former Buffet Excellence in Carmichael. During the following three years he served an internship at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco where he studied classic French cooking. Mahan's internship included kitchen experience at the hotel's six restaurants and catering department. The program also included the highly respected Restaurant Management Program at City College of San Francisco.

The Waterboy occupies the space that was originally a machine shop in 1947 until the early 1980's and America's Italian Restaurant until 1996 when The Waterboy opened on

November 1st. The decor lends itself to your comfort and has a hand painted Bacus and reproduction of LeCigare Volant (flying cigar) red wine

terated fashion reminiscent of Alice Waters' Chez Panisse in Berkley. Rick's knowledge and use of fresh herbs, garlic and olive oil is exquisite.

spicy tuna roasted pepper crostini; crispy fontina-risotto balls; bruschetta with herbed goat cheese; tapenade arugula and sun

horseradish served with sour cream mashed potatoes; Roast Niman Ranch Pork Loin with butternut squash, broccoli rabe, roasted Yukon potatoes, and thyme-garlic jus; Fish and Shellfish Stew, Grilled Niman Ranch Hanger Steak with arugula, garlic potato gratin and shallot-mustard sauce and a daily fish special which is always outstanding.

Side vegetables are offered at \$3.50 each and include delicious and remarkably fresh mashed potatoes, broccoli rabe, sauteed baby spinach, potato gratin, butternut squash polenta and pickled beets.

The luncheon menu is similar to the dinner menu and include smaller portions and prices. The signature desserts by baker Edie Stewart are exquisite too! Creme Brule, Chocolate Brioche Pudding, Edie's Lemon-Mascarpone Cheesecake, Warm Apple Crostada and today's sorbet priced at \$5.00 each. There is an impressive list of dessert wines offered ranging from \$4.25-\$12.00 per glass.

The Waterboy is a delightful neighborhood restaurant serving lunch and dinner and has a full catering department serving the same excellent food for private luncheons or dinners at your home, office or right in the gorgeous ambiance of The Waterboy. Beginning next year, Mahan will be offering cooking classes at the restaurant. If you are interested, you might want to call and put your name on the list to be notified.

In my opinion **The Waterboy** is one of the best restaurants in the Sacramento area!

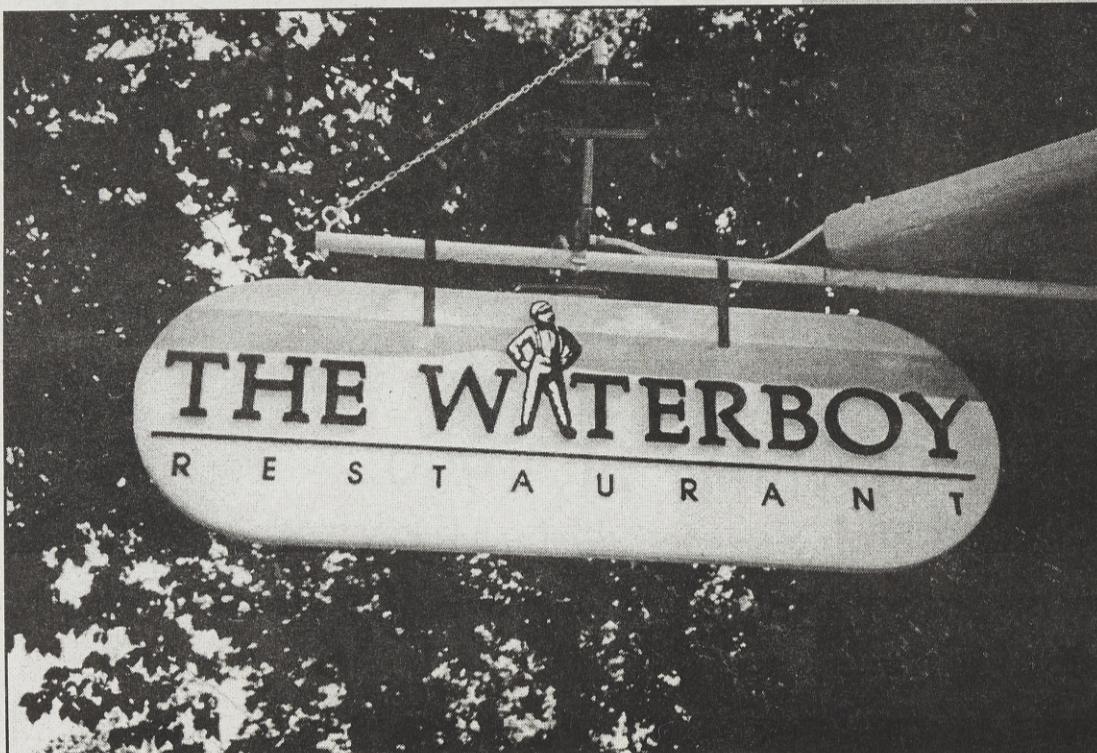
The Waterboy serves lunch Tuesday-Friday from 11:30am to 2pm and dinner Tues-Thursday, and Sunday from 5pm to 9pm, Friday and Saturday, until 10pm. Reservations are welcome. ▼

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dried tomatoes; bowl of olives; spicy cauliflower and marinated artichokes; pickled baby beets, and deviled eggs with prosciutto, anchovy and roasted peppers.

First course items range from \$4.50-\$7.50 and include: carrot fennel soup with halots and cream; garden lettuce salad; Caesar salad; wilted baby spinach salad; house smoked salmon carpaccio with marinated leeks; arugula; beets; capers and horseradish cream; sweetbreads; wild mushroom risotto with oregano and Reggiano Parmesan, and rare beef salad.

The main course items range from \$12.50-\$17.95 and include an entree to meet almost anyone's palate such as: Pappardelle Carbonara with pancetta, egg, Reggiano and sage; Vegetarian with butternut squash polenta, sauteed baby spinach, roasted, portabella mushrooms, baby turnips and pickled beets; Waterboy Cassoulet, duck, lamb shoulder and sausage stew with white beans, garlic tomato and thyme; Veal Cheeks with caramelized onions, olives, mirepoix



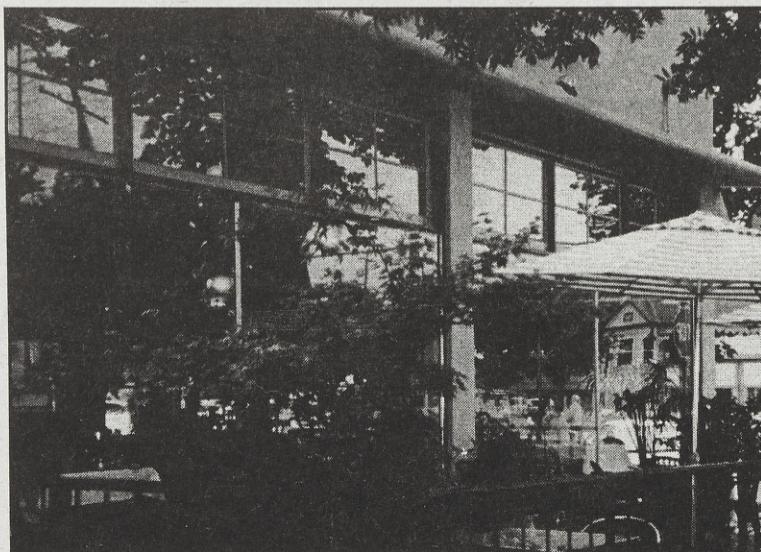
labels. This California wine is available and is a fun surprise with any meal. There are new comfortable bistro chairs, booths, white table clothes covered with butcher paper, stately palm trees, and always a large fresh flower bouquet.

A delightful sidewalk dining area surrounded by a beautiful and artistic iron fence provides a beautiful ambiance to your dining experience.

The food is excellent and is presented in an unadul-

Mahan has advanced beyond the classic French and Nouvelle Cuisine styles of cooking and has added his own outstanding creativity. The menu is imaginative, and the recipes include only the freshest of ingredients. For example, selected organic produce is provided by Winter Creek Gardens and the delicious bread is from Grace Bakery in the bay area.

The dinner menu includes appetizers ranging from \$3.50-\$4.50 and include:



The patio dining atmosphere is spectacular on Capitol Avenue. MGW/Photo Linda Birner

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TECHNOLOGY

AOL Tests Privacy

Another epidemic has hit the Internet, but this time it's not electronic. An outbreak of syphilis has been traced to an America Online chat room, "San Francisco Men 4 Men."

Six male frequenters of the cyber-singles spot have been diagnosed with the disease, comprising 35% of the syphilis cases reported in San Francisco this year. A seventh local man, who met his partners through another Internet chat room, is known to have exposed 47 partners to the disease. Among the seven men infected, health officials believe as many as 99 men may be in danger of exposure. Even more ominously, five of the seven original men exposed their partners to HIV.

In a new technological twist, AOL knows the identities of the anonymous chat-room cruisers. However, to protect the privacy of its members, the Internet company has refused to disclose the names. The San Francisco Department of Public Health, with the assistance of PlanetOut, a gay on-line service, is trying to contact the at-risk group through e-mails and chat-room bulletins.

While AOL is not legally obligated to open its records, neither is it required to protect the identities of its users.

The privacy issues raised by AOL are, at first glance, credible. AOL is not responsible for its clients' off-

line lives, nor does it want to prick the seeming anonymity of their chat rooms. In this electronic age of ATMs, retina scans, and surveillance cameras, the desire to protect the Internet from prying eyes is understandable. But here the privacy issue is miscast. AOL was not asked to turn over conversations or compromising e-mails.

It was not asked to shut down, intercept or observe the electronic traffic. And AOL was not asked to share the profile information of its customers. Health officials simply requested the most direct means of contacting specific SFM4M visitors to warn them that they may have been exposed to syphilis, or worse, HIV. ▼

How did America Online Become The Bathhouse Of The Internet? Size Matters.

By Michael Alvear
Guest Commentary

Men and women alike are using America Online to pick up, peel off and put out with a kind of glee unseen since the summer of love. But for heterosexuals, AOL is merely a swinger's lounge. For gay men, it's more like a 1970's bathhouse.

"I can have dick delivered to my door faster than a pizza," says Steve, an Atlanta PR Executive who cruises for men in America Online's chat rooms. Within minutes of entering one of six AOL chat rooms designated for gay men in Atlanta, he exchanges naked photos with other men—some with their faces cropped out—and arranges a sex date.

What AOL lacks in steam rooms and towel-wrapped men it makes up for in steamy chat and naked pictures zooming across its servers. "GayOL," as may gay men have christened it, is home to hundreds of thousands of men "window-shopping" in the M4M chat rooms.

Why are so many gay men flocking to AOL?

"It offers an easier means to an end," says Paul, a health-care Analyst in Atlanta who says he visits AOL's chat rooms nearly every day. "I don't have to get dressed up and go to a bar, drink, get my clothes full of smoke and wonder if anybody's interested." But avoiding the bar scene is only part of it. At 18 million members, AOL is so big you can find just about everything—or anyone—you're looking for. It turns out size does matter, and AOL has become the de facto online meet market largely because of its big member base.

Those who do go online looking for lust say the Net allows them to put aside their inhibitions, speak frankly and lay out the ground rules well before the sexual encounter.

"I want to know if they're into oral sex or whether they're a top or a bottom," says Paul. "And it's easier to ask about their HIV status online than it is in person."

Ron, a San Francisco Consultant, says that through AOL he and his friends have

developed friendships and paid visits to gay men in places like Israel and Ireland. "We're building a global community," he says. "Most of us use computers."

In fact, the research firm Computer Economics puts Internet use by GLBT persons at 10 percent higher than the general population. The firm estimated the figure through a combination of focus groups with knowledgeable gay observers and extrapolations from previous studies of gay Internet use.

If AOL has a policy, gay men don't seem to know about it. The most varied chat rooms from the most obscure places provide instant connections with individuals in your area.

The absurdity is captured by writer John Royce, who upon seeing how his gay friends use AOL quips, "Gay men don't need to support theater. They are theater." And now, America Online is their stage. ▼

FINANCIAL

Money Matters: CNNfn Explores Lesbian and Gay Financial Planning

The interactive arm of Cable News Network Financial Network (CNNfn) published a feature discussing the options and pitfalls lesbian and gay couples face in their long-term financial planning, given the inability of gay couples to legally marry. In interviews with John Lewis, Marketing Manager for MetLife Securities, Inc., Tom Swift, Vice President of the Horton Investment Advisory Group, and Jeffrey Newman, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Gay Financial Network, CNNfn Staff Writer Shelly K. Schwartz explored the options available to same-

sex couples in protecting their assets and long-term financial security.

Among the suggestions offered by these financial experts:

- ▼ Recognize that you'll need to place added emphasis on retirement savings
- ▼ Make sure you and your partner have a life insurance policy and that you've named each other as beneficiary
- ▼ Make sure you are both protected through durable powers of attorney, health care powers of attorney, wills and trusts, and other ways to construct strong legal bonds between partners. ▼

On-line Travel Magazine Unveiled

The web's first exclusively on-line GLBT travel magazine, QT Magazine.com, opened its doors to the public earlier this month.

QT Magazine.com publishes GLBT travel information—including informative articles, relevant links, interactive message boards and up-to-date travel news—in a concise, useful, colorful and interactive way.

"The gay and lesbian community represents a \$47 billion travel market," explains QT Magazine.com publisher Serge Gojkovich. "We're filling a significant gap with this site. While other sites out there are true travel guides,

our mission is to give readers or users the feel of traveling as a gay or lesbian individual in different cities and countries around the world. We hope to inspire our readers to explore destinations they have not considered. We are the only site out there delivering this kind of information in an on-line magazine format that also covers such topics as fashion, shopping and health from a travel and gay prospective."

First issue feature stories on London, Santorini, Chicago, a gay cruise in Alaska and how to cope with arguments with your partner during vacation, among other pieces are available at www.qtmagazine.com. ▼

Looking To A Hate Free Millennium

The Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles hosted the West Coast premiere of *Journey to a Hate Free Millennium* earlier this month. *Journey to a Hate Free Millennium* is a powerful, hopeful documentary that tells the stories of the family and friends of three hate-crime victims—Shepard, Byrd, Jr., and Columbine student Rachel Scott. *Journey* features narration by *Touched by an Angel* stars Roma Downey, Della Reese and

John Dye, and music performances by Elton John and Olive Newton-John.

The premiere was attended by Ellen DeGeneres and Anne Heche, Dye, Dennis and Judy Shepard, and many of the Wyoming students who donned angel wings to silently counter the hatred of anti-gay protesters at the trial of one of Shepard's alleged killers. ▼

FILM...OUT ON THE REEL

Chasing Amy

By Stefan Grunwedel
MGW/Staff

THREE TO TANGO. Starring Matthew Perry, Oliver Platt, Neve Campbell, and Dylan McDermott. Directed by Damon Santostefano. (98min.)



Neve Campbell and Dylan McDermott play unlikely lovers in *Three to Tango*.

Three to Tango is a romantic comedy that makes some interesting forays into the gay experience. A straight man pretends to be gay and then has to pile lies upon lies to keep himself in the closet of his own creation. While it may prove worthwhile for this film to educate mainstream America about what it's like to live in the closet, this comedy of errors eventually proves to be riddled with too many problems to make it palatable.

Oscar (Perry) and Peter (Platt) are a pair of young architects at the start of their careers. Ahead lies project funded by a local

tycoon, Charles Newman (McDermott): the design of a multimillion-dollar cultural center in Chicago.

Despite the competition by another pair of successful designers, they land the prestigious (and lucrative) contract. Unfortunately, for their peace of mind, Charles turns out to be a jealous man who assigns Oscar the unenviable task of spying on his mistress, a pretty, spirited artist named Amy (Campbell). Oscar is a bit of a lovable bumbler (he is interchangeable with Chandler on NBC's "Friends," whom he also plays). Predictably, he attracts her attention; soon

they're hanging out all night, and the following days too. When Charles discovers that they're buds, he's not too worried because he's been told Oscar is gay. Convenient, isn't it? The business partner, Peter, is; but now Oscar (who is straight) must pretend he is too so that Charles will not feel threatened by this friendship with Amy and cancel the valuable architectural project.

Although this situation may sound like an acceptable beginning for a screwball comedy, the film doesn't pull it off successfully. For one thing, the story is developed ineptly. There's

too much physical comedy in this film, some of it on the gross side. As a result, the actors' abilities are often overshadowed by stupid scenes.

For another thing, the whole Amy-Charles affair is hard to believe. It's never explained why Amy finds Charles so attractive. She doesn't allow him to pay for her apartment or buy her fancy clothes, so she doesn't benefit that way. In fact, she seems to pride herself on being a self-made, working artist. It's hard to imagine that she'd be naive enough to think the affair could continue for much longer, especially given Charles' visibility and (we learn later) his wife's strong personality.

It's also not clear why Charles is seeing Amy in the first place. The whole setup would be more understandable if Charles (a man in his mid-30's) were Donald Trump's age instead. He should be older anyway; he's supposed to be a real estate tycoon of Trump's stature.

Amy's artistic profession is also a stretch. It's a nice change to make her a glass artist (a nice switch from painter or sculptor), but Neve Campbell doesn't play a convincing glass blower, despite the research she did for her role. But she sure looks hot; that's clearly all that matters in this film.

What about the gay angle? Rather than admit the existence of people's sexual fluidity (by making Oscar's actual sexual orientation more nebulous to begin with), the film perpetuates the straight/gay dichotomy. There's no business allowed in this film, or even the possibility of a gay man becoming genuinely

enamored (though not sexually) with a very nice woman.

Despite this omission, Oscar's pretending to be gay is a nice alternative to the typical situation. Happily, he doesn't resort to campy stereotyping to pull it off; he's shown as a rather ordinary guy. Perhaps one should not overlook this fact. For once, audiences can laugh at the gay/straight mix-up, rather than find the gayness itself funny (via sissy mannerisms). That is, if they laugh at his unlikely predicament, rather than at him. This is progress for Hollywood.

If it's odd that the film's title has "tango" in it, it's stranger still that the credits at the movie's beginning and end show swing dancers (no, not tangoers), because nothing in the plot suggests a tango or even shows anyone dancing for more than a few seconds. It seems that the slick dancing theme is merely part of the film's overall packaging to provide content for the soundtrack (which includes numbers by The Atomic Fireball, Brian Setzer Orchestra, Cherry Poppin' Daddies, and The Flying Neutrinos). This is unfortunate, because constructing the plot around three dancers tangoing—even if metaphorically—could have been interesting.

THREE TO TANGO plays in Sacramento at the UA Downtown Plaza, UA Market Square at Arden, Century Cinedome. Check out the official web site at www.3totango.com for production information, actor bios, message boards, soundtrack selections, and assorted video clips of the cast and crew. ▼



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HOLLYWOOD IN REVIEW

Return Of The Wonder Boys

By Gerald Semas
MGW Staff

FILM -

The eagerly awaited re-teaming of adorable duo, Matt Damon and Ben Affleck reaches theatres on Nov. 12th. The Oscar-winning pair star in buddy Kevin Smith's (Chasing Amy) next feature, Dogma. The film has been denounced by the Catholic League and other paranoid religious entities, prompted Miramax (a Disney subsidiary) to separate their company from the picture. Toronto-based Lions Gate Entertainment, the same company that

handled Gods and Monsters, purchased the North American release rights. Damon and Affleck play two gutter-mouthed below standard angels who have been banished from heaven. They discover that Mary and Joseph eventually had sex, had another child, a sister to Jesus, and that a descendant of that child is alive and working at an abortion clinic. Now why would Catholics be sooooo upset? Other cast members include Linda Fiorentino (Men In Black), Salma Hayek (54), Janeane Garofalo, Alan Rickman, Chris Rock as the black 13th apostle and rock star Alanis Morissette as the voice of God. The film was made for \$5 million though will easily recoup its cost as it is already generating lots of attention due to its unique look at Catholic mythology. ▼▼▼

You could call it 'Two Men and a Baby and a Rap Sheet.' Though the producers are calling Skeet Ulrich's (As Good As It Gets) next film Anasazi Moon. Can you say that ten times real fast? Gary Oldman (Prick Up Your Ears) costars in a story about two amateur criminals on the lam who come across an orphaned baby. One of the men wants to keep the infant, while the other wants to leave it behind. ▼▼▼

The wonderful fairytale like vision of Tim Burton returns to the screen on Nov. 19th with the opening of his first film in three years, Sleepy Hollow. This opulent re-telling of 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow' features Johnny Depp as Ichabod Crane, a constable investigating a series of murders attributed to the spectre known as the Headless Horseman in a 17th century village. ▼▼▼



Pierce Brosnan is back in his 007 tux once more with the Nov. 19th opening of the latest James Bond film, The World is Not Enough. In an effort to improve this third outing with Brosnan as the debonair spy, the filmmakers created an even nastier arch-nemesis. This time it's Robert Carlyle (The Full Monty) as Renard, an ex-French legionnaire turned terrorist. Due to a bullet lodged in his brain he has a unique ability to withstand pain. Denise Richards who

shot for a beauty queen crown in Drop Dead Gorgeous has the title of newest Bond Girl, while Monty Python alumnus John Cleese is a bumbling assistant to gadget master Q and Norwegian body builder, Victor Ashby

plays a hunky henchman named The Boa. A high tolerance to pain and a boa? Sounds like Dennis Rodman should be in their somewhere.

▼▼▼ Looks like Richard Gere's rumored attraction to little furried friends is still intact. In his next movie, Robert Altman's Dr. T, the actor will play a gynecologist having a mid-life crisis. Filming began

this month, with Goldie Hawn playing Gere's wife while her real-life daughter Kate Hudson portrays her daughter. ▼▼▼

THEATRE -

SF's New Conservatory Theatre presents Michael Kearns' play Who's Afraid of Edward Albee, Dec. 1 - Jan. 22. This behind the scenes look at a theatre group's production of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? Premiered in LA last June. ▼▼▼ The New York premiere of The Wound of Love, a drama by Juilliard grad Kathryn Grant, is the story of Junis, a dedicated violinist (played by Grant) who puts her career on hold to care for her gay roommate, Evan Pappas, when he is stricken with AIDS. Former



Match Game star Brett Somers, was to appear in the play but left the Sept. 30, apparently due to difficulties with memorization. ▼▼▼

Nigel Hawthorne is starring in The Royal Shakespeare's production of King Lear at London's Barbican Theatre. Other productions in repertory during this 1999-2000 season are Antony and Cleopatra, starring Alan Bates and Frances de la Tour, Timon of Athens with Michael Pennington and Othello featuring Ray Fearon, the RSC's first black Moor for 40 years. ▼▼▼ Lily Tomlin (Tea with Mussolini) is still on her quest for outstanding I.O.s. The author, actress, comedian is on a 29-city tour revival of The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe. It's been 13 years since Tomlin won a Best Actress Tony Award for

starring in the original version which has been updated with a fresh eye toward the new century. Upcoming performance dates and locations include Nov. 9: Rochester, NY, Nov. 23: Stamford, CT, Nov. 26-27: Cleveland, Dec. 3-4: Costa Mesa, CA, Dec. 5: San Diego and Dec. 9-10 in Tempe, AZ.

TELEVISION -

Why not begin your Turkey day watching other's filled with hot air before you fill up on dressing. The 73rd Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade returns to NBC on Nov. 25th. ▼▼▼ For those tired of waiting, the new and expected final season of The X-Files begins on Nov. 7th. ▼▼▼ Just in case you hadn't heard enough over-hype about the Y2K bug, NBC has a made-for-TV film about it. As part of this month's sweeps period, the network has the two-hour film Y2K scheduled for Nov. 21. The suspense thriller focuses on a computer whiz trying to save the world from catastrophe. UPN's latest ploy to increase viewership for Star Trek: Voyager is to bring in Star Trek: The Next Generation's Marina Sirtis for a guest stint, airing Dec. 1. Sirtis

reprises her role as counselor Deanna Troi in an episode, which takes place on Earth. The storyline also features former Next Generation crew member Lieutenant Barclay (Dwight Schultz), who seeks advice from his old Starship Enterprise pal, counselor Troi, while trying to contact the Voyager crew. ▼▼▼

NBC's hit new show The West Wing will finally show us the First Lady. Emmy and Oscar nominee Stockard Channing ("Six Degrees of Separation," "The Baby Dance") will guest-star as the warm and gracious wife to Martin Sheen's President Bartlet. In the upcoming episode, entitled "The State Dinner," Channing portrays the likable First Lady, Abigail Bartlet. If you haven't seen this series, tune in and tape whatever else you usually watch, as it's one of if not the best written show on television. And no wonder, it comes from the talented minds of Emmy Award nominee Aaron Sorkin ("A Few Good Men," "Sports Night") and Emmy Award winners Thomas Schlamme ("Tracey Takes On")

and John Wells (ER). ▼▼▼ Academy award winner Vanessa Redgrave ("Julia") has joined the cast of the HBO NYC film "If These Walls Could Talk II." The telefilm, as I've previously mentioned, stars Sharon Stone and Ellen DeGeneres ("Ellen") and examines the lesbian experience in America through three vignettes. Also appearing in the sequel are Chloe Sevigny (Last Days of Disco), Michelle Williams (Dawson's Creek), Paul Giamatti (Man on the Moon) and Elizabeth Perkins (From the Earth to the Moon). The project is expected to air on cable next year. ▼▼▼ The Kids in the Hall are reuniting for a North American tour. Original members Dave Foley, Bruce McCulloch, Kevin McDonald, Mark McKinney and Scott Thompson (the Gay one) are all on board for the tour, which kicks off January 14 in Vancouver and stops in San Francisco on January 16th at the Warfield Theatre. Other cities on the tour include Los Angeles, New York, Washington and Boston. Send notes and comments to: Windcliff@aol.com ▼▼▼

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WELLNESS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

by Linda S. Tell, RN, MFT

It's the end of October. The Halloween candy is in a basket in the hallway, beckoning to me. I actually bought my first pumpkin this year. Why not decorate and get into the holiday spirit? Three weeks ago I saw Pottery World was decorating for Christmas. I notice the merchants gearing up for the most important selling season of the year. It seems to me the holiday season is getting longer and the pressure is greater to buy, buy, buy! How can we enjoy the holidays without increasing debt and stress? How can we make the holiday season more enjoyable? How can we avoid holiday blues?

In years past, my clients have told me about their holiday disappointments with family relationships, loneliness, and rushing around without getting much enjoyment from it. Some described the pain of alcohol and drug abuse, which seemed to be even more painful during a supposedly joyous season. Holidays have traditionally been times for families to be together. In many families

there is an unspoken rule; everybody must be happy and have a good time. That's not always easy to accomplish. For many of us, the time spent with family will add and enrich our holiday experience. For others, the time spent with family can present added stress. There are also concerns that those of us without families must confront.

Holidays can be times of intense feelings. They are often marked by periods of great excitement, moderated by periods of high and low activity. Sometimes it's too much to expect our feelings to keep up with the pace. We can be struck with the blues and bah humbugs. There can be a general sense of hopelessness associated with missing family, longing for holiday fantasies, or just feeling left out. It's important to remember that drinking won't help--it will just make matters worse.

Many people who aren't in a relationship or who do not have children may find themselves experiencing

loneliness during the holidays. This is one of the major elements of the holiday blues. Sometimes we may still be embracing unrealistic expectations and fantasies that can only be met in storybooks. Maybe our expectations are realistic, but we are not putting forth the effort to find people who can help us meet our needs. The only cure for loneliness is genuine contact with other people; all we have to do is take the risk and ask for company.

"The essence of health is an inner kind of balance."

Let's look at some ways to take better care of you during this time of year. Begin by doing some simple planning. Make a list of the things you dislike about the holidays. Allow yourself to eliminate most or all of the things you dislike. It's your life and it is reasonable to delete activities that you don't enjoy. This may mean that you will be changing a holiday tradition and making a new tradition.

For example, you may

decide to: have a drug, alcohol, or carbohydrate-free holiday. Spend the holiday with different people this year. Create a potluck dinner rather than putting together an elaborate meal; saving you time and energy. Volunteer time at a shelter and serve others less fortunate.

I recall a year when I chose to be alone on Thanksgiving so I could become better acquainted with myself. It was a growth experience to confront my own loneliness. It was such a positive experience that I repeated it for New Year's Eve. (Yes, I did have invitations to be with friends. They were very surprised at my new behavior.)

Unfulfilled expectations are the greatest deterrent to happy holidays. Have you bought into the myth that love is represented by an expensive present? Does that belief keep you shopping endlessly for "just the right gift"? Have you experienced disappointment with presents you received? Do you secretly wish for a "perfect" holiday or "perfect" family? Identify your expectations and see if they are realistic. If they are not, let them go. There is no perfect-

tion in life. The amount of money you spend on a present and the debt you incur is not a measure of love.

If you overextend yourself financially, or emotionally, you may harbor resentment instead of feeling love. Show your love by creating a homemade gift or giving in another way. Write out what the holidays mean to you. What are you really celebrating? Does the holiday have a religious or spiritual meaning to you? Is it about sharing with others less fortunate? Or is it a time to spend with family or friends? What is it that you value about the season? Then generate some ideas how you can spend your time in keeping with this value. Be sure to discuss this topic with significant people in your support system. Get their input, especially if you will be sharing time together.

Andrew Weil, MD has said "The essence of health is an inner kind of balance." We come into touch with this sense of balance when we are conscious, or mindful, of our thoughts, feelings and behaviors. It is important to remain self-referred; meaning doing what is right for you. Unfortunately, many people who take on the desires of others rather than determining what they want for themselves.

If you become stressed, don't get more distressed worrying about it. Instead, just acknowledge the stress. By doing that alone, you will be moving back toward a state of balance. See how you can change your plans to make life easier. Maybe you can decide to eliminate a social engagement you really don't want to attend. Or possibly release an unrealistic expectation. Plan some quiet time for yourself. Take some time to think and feel how you want to experience the holidays. Be mindful of how you are using your time. Pay attention to staying flexible. Find humor in life. Practice loving kindness. (That translates to giving the other driver a break and letting him go first!) Stay in touch with your inner voice, the one that knows you best, and heed its' advice. It's your celebration, your life and your choice! **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

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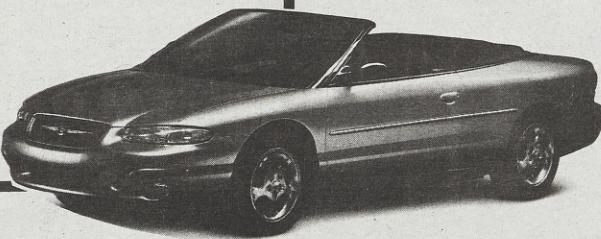
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Your Love Abounds

By Linda Birner
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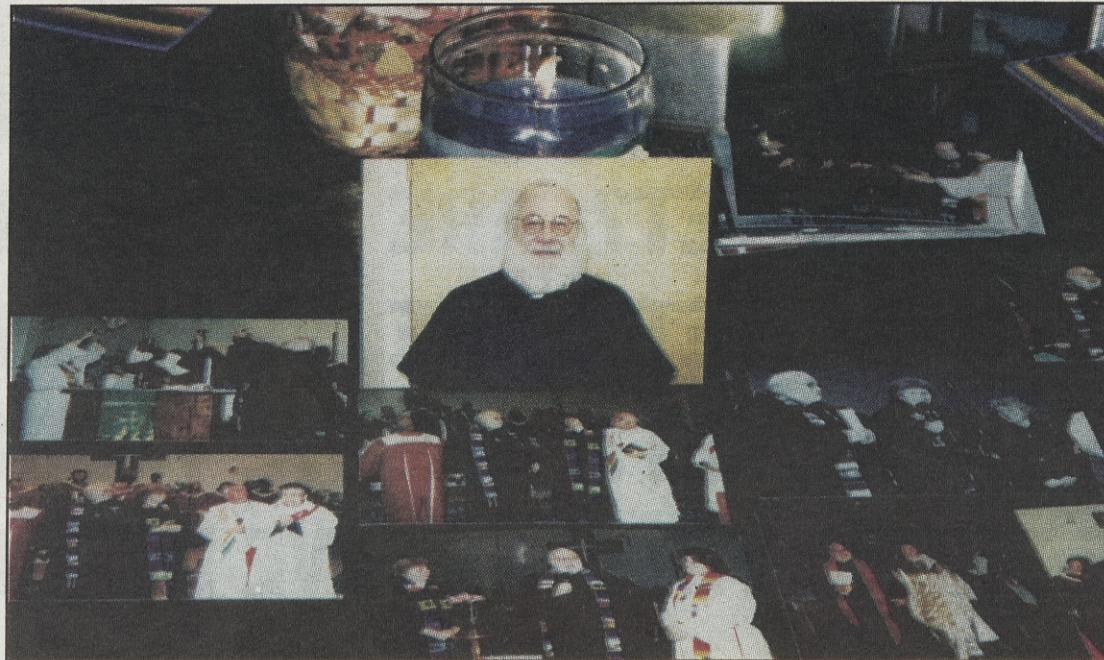
Photographs by Roni Jordan

It didn't take long for Mom Guess What Newspaper to hear of the tragedy that left so many people grieving over the loss.

Edward R. Sherriff, the 68-year-old gentle man everyone knew as "Reverend Ed," was stabbed to death late in the evening on Wednesday, October 20 in an apparent robbery-homicide. Sherriff's body, with numerous stab wounds in his upper torso, was discovered around 11:00pm, after Sacramento Police Department received a phone call stating a "stranger" had driven off in the victim's two vehicles.

Police state that there is no evidence the killing was a hate crime. They want to question a parolee who had been working at one of Sherriff's two Broadway thrift stores. He had been living with Sherriff before being asked to leave after Ed discovered he was using.

A well-known gay activist who wrestled so



A memorial candle and a miniature shrine was first placed in Reverend Freda's office as people came by to pay their condolences.

windows. At the Cathedral of Promise Metropolitan Community Church in Rancho Cordova, more than 150 members of the church light candles, prayed and sat in utter silence.

Rev. Elder

Troy D. Perry, Founder and Moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFCMCC) sent a support team to the Cathedral of Promise Metropolitan Community Church because of the overwhelming grief of that local congregation.

Sherriff was not just a generous and caring friend to the poor, the gay community and those afflicted with AIDS.



Reverend Dr. Freda Smith pays tribute to her Associate pastor and assures the people that despite his death, Reverend Ed's work will continue just as it did over six years ago when a fire destroyed the old building.

mightily with his sexuality as a young man that he underwent 32 electric shock treatments, Sherriff comforted AIDS patients and ministered to thousands in Oak Park by often digging in his pockets to help others.

Flowers lined the sidewalk outside the Samaritan Center at 32nd and Broadway, and cards from his hundreds of friends and congregants were taped to the

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the churches in Northwest US and Canada. In 1965, he "came out" to his supervisor and 30 days later was surprised to be excommunicated

before 14,000 people including his family "for being a homosexual."

Rev. Ed did not enter another church for 19 years.

His life in ruin, he borrowed money to buy his first restaurant which expanded into 5.

His restaurants were quite

profitable.

They were

known as a

place where

anyone

could say

they

were hungry

or, did not

have

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Boise, Idaho and as District Coordinator in 1987. He also was the Executive Director of Hope House, a low-rent residence facility for people having a diagnosis of ARC or AIDS, that was operated by Loaves and Fishes, and Associate Pastor of River City Metropolitan Community Church in Sacramento in 1987.

When River City MCC purchased the first building in 1975, a room was designated as an emergency food closet. Rev. Ed also established a thrift store, called "Out of the Closet Boutique," to help raise funds for Samaritan Center expenses. The number of hungry people and the pot of soup continued to grow and in 1992 Rev. Ed resigned his position as District Coordinator of the church and established the Samaritan Center.

In 1994 River City MCC's Activities Building, in



Cathedral of Promise members pulled together to keep the thrift store open on Friday, October 22 as Reverend Ed would have wanted.

which the Samaritan Center was operating, burned to the ground. The Samaritan Center was providing about 400 hot meals a day. The Samaritan Center eventually moved to the corner of 33rd Street and Broadway.

Today, the Samaritan Food Bank program feeds 1,323 adults, 63 children 0-3 years, 420 children 4-17 years. The total number of people served were 1,806 and the total estimated number of meals was 16,254. At the end



Mourners left flowers, signs, flags and stuffed animals at the door of the Samaritan Center.



Catholic Director of Wellspring, Sister Catherine Connell addresses the crowd and vows to support the community in any way possible.

In All Of The World

of the month 78,325 pounds of food were given away.

"He was a tireless, loving Christian without any concern for economic backing, color, or race," said Chris Umbertino to the Sacramento Bee.

The thrift shop also had fruit, vegetables and canned goods. The center is

an oasis for the area's needy. A few doors down, they would gather each morning for warm and encouraging words from Sheriff and a free cup of coffee and donuts. "He was the most giving man I have ever known," said the Rev. Terri Miller, a Stockton minister who worked with Sheriff for 11 years at the Samaritan Center.

Ed often would pay people's telephone, rent, and electric bills. It didn't matter who you were, if you needed help he was there for you. He was always giving people food. The sobbing people who said Thursday

they couldn't imagine life without him described him as easy-going and radiant man who loved to eat and joke.

From the pulpit, he could be both playful and imposing. He would dole out prizes to the oldest and most prolific Dads on Father's Day and order members to display their Bibles to prove they'd brought the Good Book along.

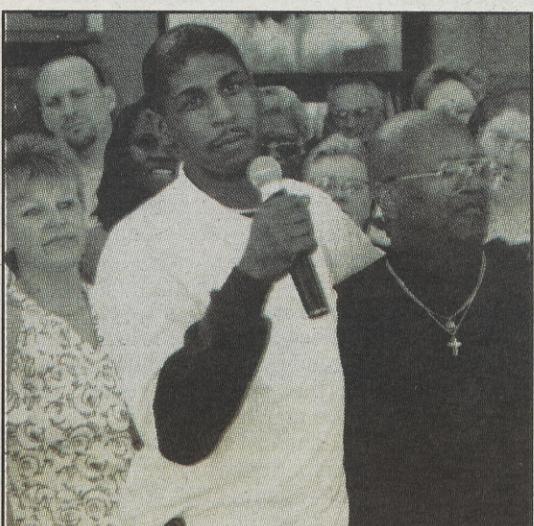
After Reverend Terri Miller had learned of his death, she had the task of going down to the Samaritan Center at 7 am to explain to the people who come there for coffee and comfort what had happened. She said it was one of the hardest things she has ever done. "The looks on their faces was total despair. It is not just one man that died. It is part of the community that has died. It's a big loss, a huge loss."

Ed's church members, people he fed and helped, his friends, and family are truly bleeding for him.

For me, I will miss his fun and humorous support he would

give me to lift my spirits. The hearts of the community, including myself, go out to Reverend Freda Smith for the tremendous void she is experiencing. We will celebrate Reverend Ed Sheriff's commitment, love, and dedication by continuing to contribute and love others.

Ed was truly a blessing...



Henry, a long time volunteer who drove the "Out of the Closet" truck stopped to pay tribute to Reverend Ed. Reverend Prentice Minner, Chior Director at RCMCC, offers a supportive hug.

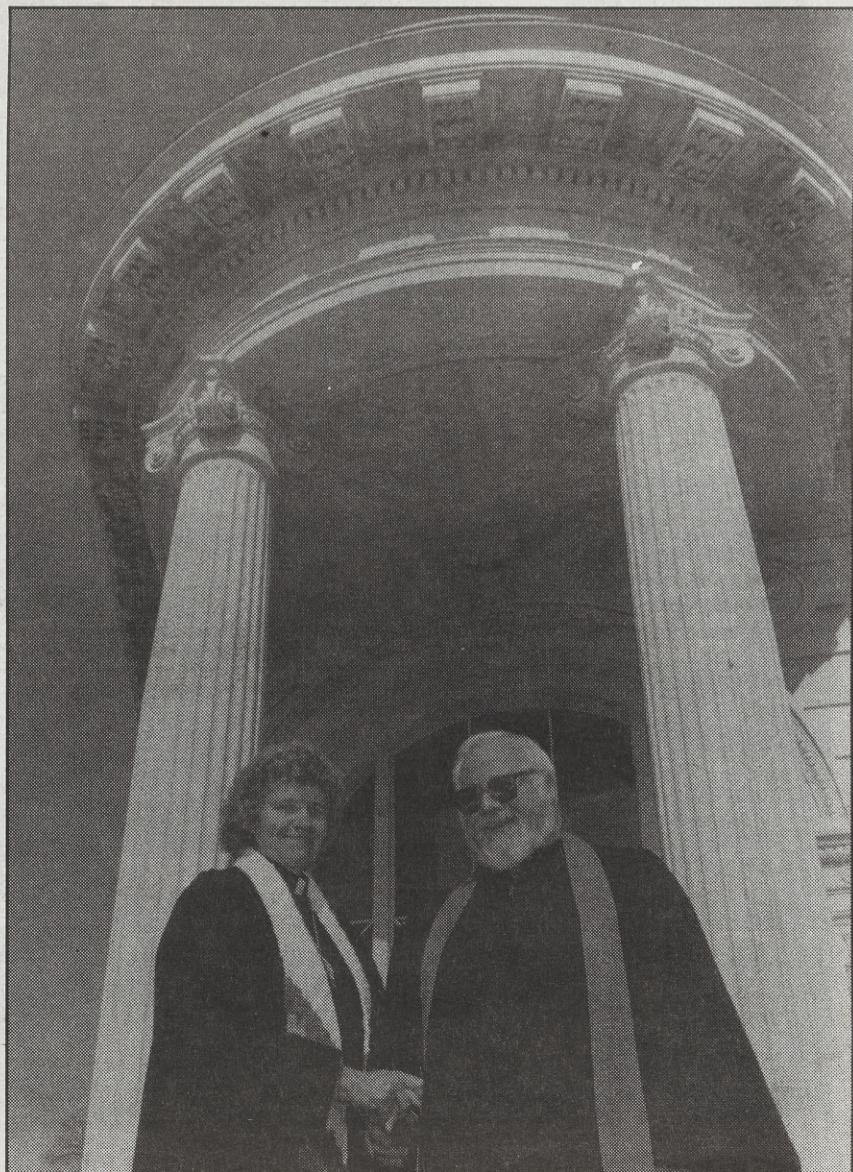


John Rambo remembers Reverend Ed as never turning anyone away. Ed's daughters are in the background, and Jerry Sloan talking to Reverend Freda Smith.



The Cathedral of Promise Tribute to Reverend Ed Sheriff had standing room only as over 387 people attended the 10am tribute.

(left)
Reverend
Freda
Smith and
Reverend
Ed Sheriff
at the old
MCC on
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before
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three days in a row. A recent study has shown that unedited writing reduces physical pain by enhancing the immune system. I believe that it reduces emotional and physical pain as well.

Overall, by reducing the amount of angry and bitter feelings toward religion and making peace with your past, you can clear the way toward developing a spiritual or nature-centered practice with which you feel comfort-

able. While there are many distractions from introspection as we reach the end of one millennium and the start of another, this is an auspicious time to continue your inner journey if you are already doing so or to consider starting it if you have not yet begun.

Dr. Jeffrey Cherin, Ph.D., a psychotherapist and author, is located in Los Angeles. ▼

Boys See Men as "Angry," "Violent" In U.S. Media

Media images of masculinity are reinforcing the message that men are violent and angry, providing risky role models for American boys, a national advocacy group states.

Children Now released a national poll that showed nearly three-fourths of children between the ages of 10 and 17 described men on television as "violent," while more than two-thirds described them as "angry."

"Our study shows that boys are exposed relentlessly to a narrow, confining picture of masculinity in American, one that reinforces

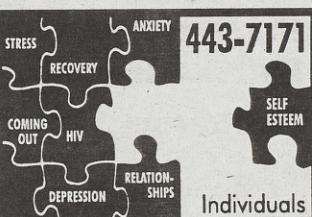
anger and violence as the way to solve problems," said Lois Salisbury, president of the Oakland, California-based operation.

Dr. William Pollack, a Harvard Medical School psychiatry professor and expert on male gender identity, said the media message left U.S. boys with few models for behavior.

"Our culture puts boys in a gender straitjacket, channeling their full range of healthy emotions into narrow forms of expression, often aggressive ones," Pollack said in a statement accompanying the poll. ▼

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COMMENTARY

Talking About Sex - Or Is That Gender?

By Bill Turner

Perhaps the single most important accomplishment of feminist scholars in the late 20th century has been to establish beyond dispute, at least in all but the most intransigent circles, the point that the gender characteristics of masculinity and femininity have as much to do with culture and politics as with anatomy - what sort of genitals and chromosomes you have - and "gender" to refer to a social role - masculine, feminine, or some more interesting combination.

Surely, if any group of people appreciates this distinction, it must be lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons. We tend to mix and match sex and gender more freely than our less fortunate, non-queer fellow human. But our daily appreciation for the potential lack of fit between anatomy and social role does not necessarily clarify the question of language.

The Supreme Court had to address this question recently when it took a case dealing with same-sex sexual harassment. None of the parties to the case claimed to be gay. Rather, on an offshore oil rig, one employee complained that his supervisor routinely feigned sexual acts and advances towards him simply as a joke.

The Court has established clearly that the creation of a hostile work environment through sexually suggestive or explicit pictures or acts constitutes employment discrimination on the basis of sex for the purposes of the 1964 Civil Rights Act - written about 20 years before feminist scholars really began to establish the distinction between "sex" and "gender". The primary problem at the time was the denial of employment opportunities to women because they were women. Should that law apply to the

situation on the oil rig, where both employee and supervisor were male?

The Supreme Court decided it should, which makes sense to me. It's entirely possible for a person to harass sexually another person with the same anatomy, regardless of the gender or sexual orientation of the persons involved. What matters here is the relationship between the two persons.

Similarly, most of the time when we write about these topics, we're addressing gender issues, not same sex issues. Or, in the queer press we may have more occasion than most to discuss some disparity between the two effeminate men, or female to male transsexuals, for example. In these contexts, maintaining a distinction between "sex" as anatomy and "gender" as social role can actually be quite useful, so long as we adhere to these distinctions. ▼

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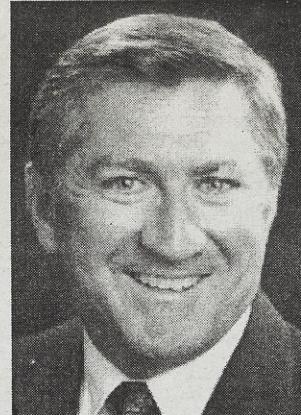
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OPERA REVIEW

Renee Fleming Sings "Louise" In San Francisco

By Wayne R. Anderson
MGW/Staff

Gustave Charpentier's opera "Louise" ushered in the 20th century on February 2, 1999. In many ways this work is an excellent transition piece, having one foot in each century. It surely owes a musical debt to Massenet, who was Charpentier's teacher, but it also takes on some social issues that have come to be identified with the 20th century, such as the frank celebration of sexuality and a concern for the social inequalities of a rigid class structure.

The plot is a simple love story. In the boring suburbs of Paris, Louise (a dressmaker) is in love with the young poet Julien, but her conventional working-class parents strongly oppose a marriage. Eventually the lovers run off to Paris and live together. Louise's mother shows up asking her daughter to return home temporarily to visit her ailing father, and with misgivings the young people agree. Once Louise is back home, her parents try to keep her there, but the call of Paris is too strong and she runs away again, whether to Julien we do not know.

On another level, the opera gives voice to Charpentier's strong socialist leanings. The protagonist is Paris itself, the symbol of freedom and a better life for the poor and working-class people. The work is filled with minor characters, such as a rag picker, who live on the fringes of French society. Some of them are exquisitely drawn miniatures, and together they make a portrait of an underclass looking to Paris for the better life they feel they deserve. Although they will not achieve it, the socialist composer is saying that they have every right to it. One thinks that of the poignant minor characters in Puccini's verismo opera "Il Tabarro," another 20th century work set amongst France's lower classes. Charpentier's opera foreshadows the grisly "Wozzeck" (to be seen later this season), which takes a much more savage view of class exploitation.

Louise's parents are not quite at the bottom of the



social ladder. He works extremely hard at menial labor and even denounces the exploitative system ("Playthings we are, the sport of all injustice in a world where all is but deception and distress.")

Yet neither one of them is able to break free of their social straight jacket nor do they rigidly insist on forcing a conventional life on Louise. Their story is the larger class struggle in miniature, the parents representing the oppressive social structure and Julien/Louise those struggling to get out of it. Charpentier leaves no doubt as to his sympathies: the rebellious lover have names, whereas the parents are called simply "The Mother" and "The Father." Whether or not the two lovers will ultimately succeed in escaping the crushing class system, we never know; but at least they are trying.

With free love and stinging social commentary,

why is "Louise" not more popular? Perhaps the reason is that it is an opera and not a play. The music, although some of it is quite lovely, is too anemic to sustain the piece.

Only in a few places does it rise to the inspired level of great opera. Most notable is Louise's famous aria "Depuis le jour" in the third act, but there is also a lyrical love duet that follows and a powerful scene between Louise and her father in the fourth act. But acts one and two are musically pale and slow-moving with naturalism stretched to the limit. For example we watch Louise and her family sit down to dinner of soup and lamb stew—not exactly riveting theater. Even the love music of the third act is diluted by light-weight spectacle, and the final act does drag a bit. Despite good intentions, much of the social commentary just does not come across well, leaving little more than a love story stretched too thin.

SFO General Director Lotfi Mansouri, who directed this opera, gave it a top-quality production. I cannot imagine anyone singing the title role better than Renee Fleming. Her creamy soprano soared through the part and earned a well-deserved ovation for the ravishingly sung "Depuis le jour." At times she sounded like a low-pressure Tebaldi. Dramatically she was pleasing enough but never did make the transition from a conventional suburban girl to a sexually liberated woman.

Tenor Jerry Hadley sang her vocally and his singing sounded effortful and strained, especially in the first act. Samuel Ramey made a profound effect as the father. His huge bass and dramatic presence vividly conveyed the depth of his feelings for Louise and his despair at losing her, at the same time that he was suffocating her with love. As

the mother, mezzo Felicity Palmer was the embodiment of the stifling narrow-mindedness of middleclass virtue. Depth of casting extended to the many important small roles, including an artist of Kevin Langan's stature as the rag picker.

The opera lasted just over three hours, but it seemed considerably longer. Part of the blame falls on the composer, yet conductor Patrick Summers must bear some of it.

A more vigorous reading would have helped considerably, especially in the slow-moving first two acts. The scenes showing the Parisian lights aglow in the distance were magical, while Louise's family lived in a spartanly furnished apartment.

We must thank the SFO for providing the opportunity to see this seldom-done opera, but we also would not want it to wear out its welcome. ▼

TRAVEL

Lake Tahoe Offers A Premiere Gay Establishment

By James A. Boushka
Executive Editor

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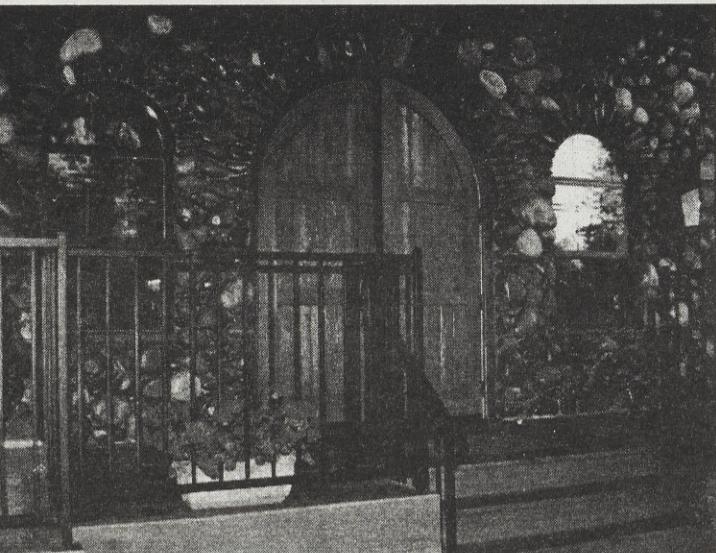
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By Joanne Howl, D.V. M.

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Second, protect yourself. When a dog is in pain, he will bite and he won't realize that he's doing it. Be wary handling him and stay away from his teeth. Protecting yourself also means waiting until the traffic is clear before you

dash into the road. Standing aside is not easy, but your dog won't have a chance if you are hit by a car.

Third, control your dog. Tie a rope to his collar, or clip on a leash. Or, if you have a leash but no collar, you can run the end of the leash through the handle, and make a loop that will tighten and loosen quickly. If he's down,

stay close to prevent him crawling off. Otherwise, he may end up back in the road, or may run away. Running away will be fatal. Most animal control units euthanize injured strays as a matter of policy.

First aid can help for simple injuries, such as stopping serious bleeding. (Consult a manual, such as Pet Aid by Dr. Bobbie Mammato). But in actual fact, it's the rare dog that is

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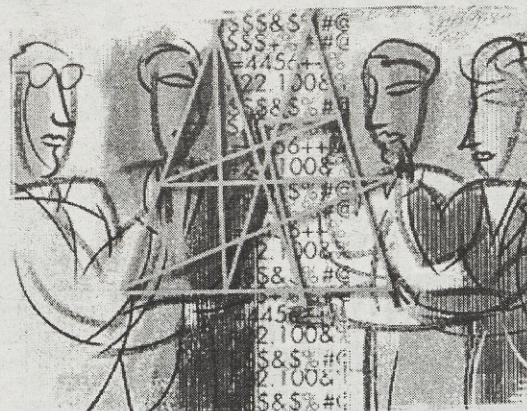
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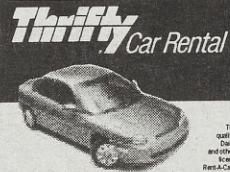
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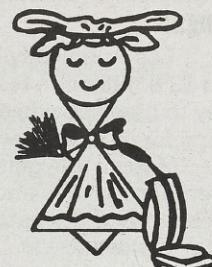
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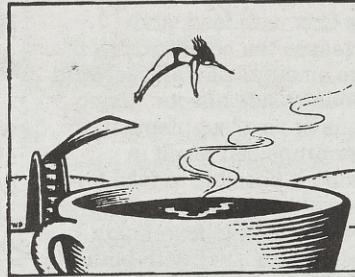
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HIV / AIDS HOTLINE

On the HIV front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

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A new advertising campaign from the San Francisco AIDS Foundation encourages gay men to ask their sexual partners about their HIV status. According to experts, many gay men guess or assume their partners' status, do not talk about it, and do not use condoms. Studies from the SF AIDS Foundation and the UC-San Francisco's Center for AIDS Prevention suggest an increase in unprotected sex among gay men. Foundation officials note that while gay men in San Francisco have made great strides in lowering the number of new infections since the beginning of the epidemic nearly two decades ago, their goal is to reduce that number to zero. (Let's try to match that in Sacramento!)

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Local events...

HIV Firing Line. The next HIV panel presentation by Sacramento's AIDS-knowledgeable physicians will be Wed, November 3, from 7 to 9 pm at the UCDMC Cancer Center Auditorium (4501 X Street, at Stockton Blvd) — info displays and snacks start at 5:00.

The Firing Line discussions are popular as they provide the latest in treatment news and include a question-and-answer session for audience participants to clarify information provided during the presentation. For more details or info flyers on this or future panel presenta-

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Dozens of sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at local venues again this year to commemorate December 1 World AIDS Day, including the following sites, starting Nov. 15: McClatchy High, Trinity Cathedral, Humboldt State Univ. in Eureka, Laguna Creek High in Elk Grove, Emerson Jr. High in Davis, Solano Community College, St. Paul's Church in Vacaville, and the Sacramento AIDS Foundation's "Let the Miracles Begin" benefit in Sacramento.

Panels are also on continuing display at CARES and the MCC Church at Mather Field. For specific dates of these and other displays, or for info on volunteering, panel making, or purchasing merchandise, call the Sacramento Quilt Chapter voicemail at 484-5646.

There are now 43,000 memorial panels containing the names of 83,300 people. New panels continue to be submitted to the NAMES Project at a rate of about 100 per month. Thus far in this epidemic 385,000 Americans have died, 1670 of them in Sacramento.

Beloved AIDS worker murdered...

Condolences to the bereaved family and friends of Reverend Ed Sheriff, stabbed to death at his home in late October. Reverend Ed ministered to the poor in Oak Park, often out of his own pocket, and his generous spirit and work within the Sacramento AIDS community will long be remembered. In the hours following his death, flowers lined the sidewalk outside his Samaritan Center at 32nd and Broadway, and cards were taped to the

windows. At the MCC church at Mather Field, candles were lit, and many of his friends and parishioners prayed and sat in stunned silence. Our thoughts are with them. May he rest in peace.

Treatment news...

Inexpensive combo controls HIV long-term. A small study by American and Italian researchers shows that HIV infection can be suppressed with didanosine (DDI/Videx) and hydroxyurea (a treatment that reduces multiplication of cells). The study found that in 12 trial participants, treatment with the low-cost combination reduced the presence of virus in the blood, and that the antiviral response to initial treatment can last for an extended amount of time. The volunteers were treated for nearly 2-1/2 years.

Ritonavir news...

Ritonavir (Norvir) has perhaps the most side effects of all the currently available protease inhibitors (PIs), so is seldom used as the main drug in a 3-drug combination. One of the great interests in this drug is as part of a dual strategy, as small doses appear to improve the activity of other PIs, sometimes allowing them to become twice-daily drugs.

When used with Indinavir (Crixivan), for example, it increases the ability to take Crix with food, and decreases the need to drink large amounts of water to ward off kidney side effects. Using Ritonavir as a 'supplement' to other drugs can result in making it possible to take lower doses of both drugs, and hopefully lead to fewer side effects associated with both PIs in the treatment regimen.

Women living with HIV may be at greater risk for anemia (a decrease in red blood cells) due to excessive menstrual bleeding when they're on Ritonavir. A recent study followed 10 women who had normal cycles prior to taking the drug. Within just two months, four developed excessive bleeding, and one required a transfusion for severe anemia. The rest remain on the drug, but continue to have irregular cycles.

Ritonavir capsules are again available after being withdrawn from the market for nearly a year due to complications in the manufacturing process. The newly formulated soft-gel tablets are already in pharmacies.

LA to spend millions on housing...

Los Angeles will spend \$3.8 million in federal money to help subsidize housing for minorities with AIDS. "Most of it is going into rental subsidies and in fact, because of the pattern in the way the disease is spreading, that means it will be going entirely to communities of color and to women," say L.A. officials.

Tests suspended on new drug Lodenosine...

U.S. Bioscience has halted clinical trials of its AIDS drug lodenosine because one person died and others exhibited signs of potential liver or kidney damage. Company officials noted that all trial participants have stopped using Lodenosine and were still taking other drugs used in the trial, including Merck's Crixivan and Bristol-Myers Squibb's Zerit.

Positive preliminary results reported at last month's San Francisco AIDS conference had set the expanded trials into motion. U.S. Bioscience will review the data and work with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to decide on a future course of action, which could include indefinitely suspending the testing.

FDA calls Immunex's claims misleading...

Immunex Corp. has been warned by the FDA that its claims about the cancer drug Leukine helping fight HIV are misleading. An Immunex press release in May said that a Phase III clinical trial found that Leukine helps keep HIV levels down and enables people to take combination drug therapy for longer periods without developing drug resistance. Immunex has since stopped distributing the press release and has taken this reference off its web site.

Grant monies distributed...

\$32 million in grant monies will go toward increasing HIV prevention efforts in over 100 minority communities, announced the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). CDC says one in 50 African-American men and one in 160 African-American women is infected with HIV. In addition, Hispanics account for 20

percent of new HIV cases.

\$7 million in grants will go toward establish HIV prevention programs in prisons. A total of seven states—New Jersey, California, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Georgia, and New York—will receive about \$1 million each. CDC notes that "prisons and jails provide a critical opportunity to provide lifesaving HIV prevention services to a population that might otherwise be missed." CDC says there are between 35,000 and 47,000 inmates with HIV in the United States, and 8,900 with AIDS—a rate of infection five times that of the general population.

Tainted blood infecting thousands around the globe...

Blood donations made in many countries that belong to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) are contaminated by HIV and hepatitis, causing infections in thousands of people every year. Only 16 of the 35 member countries screen all their blood samples for HIV and hepatitis, and many of those that do are using screening methods not sensitive enough to accurately detect these diseases.

(Those in compliance include the United States, Canada, 8 Caribbean states, and 6 Latin American countries.) Researchers say that, while some countries spend about \$30 to test, store, and process a blood sample, others spend up to \$150. In addition, some nations depend too much on blood donors who may not reveal all their risk factors, including donors who are paid.

Contaminated blood donated through the Japanese Red Cross Society has infected at least one person, and possibly two, with HIV. The infected donor was tested during the window period before HIV-specific antibodies appear, and thus the screening process apparently did not identify the HIV-tainted blood. Although faster tests are available at many test sites in Japan, the Kanto blood collection center where the infected donor gave blood was not yet using the method when it accepted the blood in July. This is the second instance in which people have

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contracted HIV by receiving blood donated to the Japanese Red Cross Society.

Breakthrough in HIV research...

A report in the current issue of Cell shows a new approach in stopping HIV from overtaking white blood cells. Researchers from the Whitehead Institute at MIT and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute say they've found eight molecules that could keep HIV from infecting normal cells. They hope the molecules could be used as a

foundation for developing oral drugs.

High Court Allows karate School Discrimination...

The U.S. Supreme Court will not reconsider the decision in a 1996 case of a Richmond area karate school that prohibited an HIV-positive boy from taking combat-style classes. A lower Circuit Court ruled that federal law prohibits discrimination against people with AIDS, but the law nonetheless cannot force the karate school to admit this boy. His father had sued the karate school

under the Americans With Disabilities Act, alleging the school had discriminated against his son by taking him out of the class. Although the risk that the boy could bleed and then transmit HIV is very low, and the CDC says there has never been a documented case of HIV being transmitted via contact at a sporting event, the courts felt that the consequences to another student would be severe. The lower-court ruling was appealed to the Supreme Court, who will let stand the original decision. The esteemed justices had no comment. ▼

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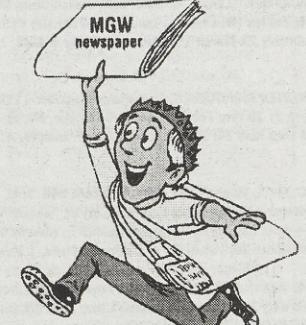
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THEATER / DANCE

ACTOR'S THEATRE, HAMLET, The Actor's Workshop, thru November 28, 2pm; 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 916-925-6579

AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE, Loose Ends, November 19-28; Brighton Beach Memoirs, February 25 thru March 5; The Glass Menagerie, April 28 thru May 7; 4700 College Oaks Dr., 916-484-8234

AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE ORCHESTRA, Choir Invitational, 8pm, November 2; Jazz Band Invitational, 8pm, November 3; Concert Band, "Three London Miniatures", 8pm, November 4, Jazz Night, "Guest Ensemble", 8pm, November 5; Solo Jazz Piano, "Jessica Williams", 8pm, November 6; Capital Jazz Project, "A Salute to Duke Ellington", 7pm, November 7; 4700 College Oaks Dr., 916-484-8234

B STREET THEATRE, Communicating Doors, various times showing Wednesday thru Sunday, thru November 7; Cricket On The Hearth, various times showing Wednesday thru Sunday, November 21 thru January 2, 2000; 2711 B St., 916-443-5300

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, Dale Scholl Dance, "Madman Across the Water", thru November 13, 8pm, 916-451-3732; 6000 J St., 916-278-6604

CAMELLIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, 'And All Shall Be Well', November 13; The Essence of Time - 'In my beginning is my end', February 5; Toward the Unknown Region - 'We shall not cease from exploration', April 1; Time Future...Time Past - California and Beyond, May 20, 21; 916-929-6655

CITY THEATRE, The Skin of Our Teeth, November 5 thru December 11; What the Butler Saw, February 25 thru March 25; As You Like It, April 14 thru May 20; Sacramento City College, 3835 Freeport Blvd., 916-558-2228

CONSERVATORY THEATRE CENTER, Glory Box, November 5-14, 8pm; 25 Van Ness Ave., Lower Lobby, San Francisco, 415-861-8972

EAGLE THEATRE, Annie, November 5 thru December 18; Little Shop of Horrors, December 31 thru February 12; Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, February 18 thru April 1; Pippin, April 21 thru June 3; 925 Front St., Old Sacramento, 916-207-1226

GARBEAU'S DINNER THEATRE, Little Shop of Horrors, thru November 21; 1940's Radio Hour, November 27 thru January 2; Nunsense II, January 7 thru February 27; Hwy 50 at Hazel Ave., 916-985-6361

GEERY THEATER, Coffeehouse, The Lambda Players, thru November 6; 916-366-3904

NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY, Lincoln Theatre, Yountville; Eugene Fodor, violin, November 14, 3pm, November 15, 8pm; Holiday Pops, December 5, 3pm; 2407 California Blvd., Napa, 707-226-6872

OAKLAND BALLET, Program 3: Glazunov Copland, Ravel, November 12-14; Nutcracker, December 10-24; Paramount Theater, 2025 Broadway, Oakland, 510-452-9288

RIVER STAGE, Our Lady of the Tortilla, November 13 thru December 5; The Scottsboro Boys, March 4-26, 2000; Playwright's Festival, May 11-14, 2000; Gurley, July 8-23, 2000; 8401 Center Parkway, 916-688-7138

RUTH ROSENBERG DANCE ENSEMBLE, Locomotion, November 12-20; 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th St., 916-457-7733

SACRAMENTO BALLET, The Nutcracker, December 9-23; Romeo and Juliet, February 10-13; La Sonnambula, March 30 thru April 2, 2000; 1631 K St., 916-552-5800

SACRAMENTO THEATRE COMPANY, Jodie's Body, thru December 5; A Christmas Carol, November 26-December 24; Kokoro (True Heart), January 11-February 6; Same Time, Next Year, February 1-April 9; Wicked Old Songs, February 22-March 19; Alabama Sky, April 4-30; 1419 H St., 916-443-6722

THEATER RHINOCEROS, Jaywalker, November 11 thru December 11; Barebacking, A Sex Panic! Comedy, January 20 thru February 19; Latin Hustle, March 16 thru April 15; Whatever happened to Sister George? May 18 thru June 17; 2926 16th St., San Francisco, 415-861-5079

UC DAVIS, Vienna Choir Boys, Freeborn Hall, 8pm, November 5; UCD Symphony Orchestra, Main Theater, 8pm, November 7; Empyrean Ensemble, Wyatt Pavilion Theatre, 8pm, November 13; Romeo and Juliet, Freeborn Hall, 8pm, December 3; UCD Symphony Orchestra, 8pm, December 3; American Bach Soloists, 8pm, December 20; University of California-Davis, 1 Shields Drive, 530-752-5537

THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE, Carousel, thru November 14; The Mystery of Irma Vep, January 28 thru February 19; Godspell, March 31 thru April 22; On Golden Pond, May 19 thru June 10; 340 2nd St., Woodland, 530-666-9617

YERBA BUENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS THEATER, Lawrence Peck Dance Company, November 18-21; Lily Cai Chinese Dance & Dimensions Dance Theater, November 12-13; Stephen Petronio Dance Company, November 4-7, Words on Dance - Joe Goode November 1; Helgi Tomasson, April 10; 700 Howard St., San Francisco, 415-978-ARTS

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4th Thursday AUTHOR APPEARANCE, Krandall Kraus, "Bardo", 7pm; Open Book, 910 21st St., 916-498-1004

5th Friday VIENNA CHORUS BOYS, 8pm, UC Davis; Freedom Hall, 530-757-3481

SACRAMENTO MASTER SINGERS, 8pm, First United Methodist Church; 21st & J Sts., 916-338-0300

SACRAMENTO'S INTERNATIONA

POETRY FESTIVAL, CSUS, thru November 7, 916-278-6101

PROTEST AGAINST THE CALIFORNIA DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT, Sacramento City College, 4pm

KEEPING OUR COOL: DISCUSSING AIDS WITH LOVED ONES, AIDS Interfaith Network, 7pm; First United Methodist Church, 21st & J Streets, 481-5487

OVER FORTIES GROUP, 6pm;

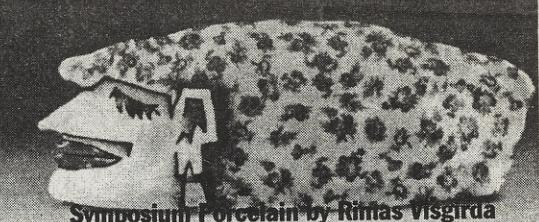
SUPPORT GROUP FOR HIV/ AIDS GAY AND BI-SEXUAL MEN, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 6:30-8:30pm; 1330 21st St., 916-386-2504

SACRAMENTO AREA BISEXUAL NETWORK, 7:30pm; Open Book, 910 21st St., 916-498-1004

CREATING CHANGE CONFERENCE, thru November 14; Marriott City Center Hotel and Oakland Convention Center, 202-332-6483

JOSEPH'S BAR & GRILL, 1454 Del Paso, 916-686-4312

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SISTER SWING, El Dorado

Women's Center, 5:30pm; 1248

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11th Thursday

MUSIC, MOTORCARS &

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Century In Review," thru

November 14; Towe Auto

Museum, 2200 Front St., 916-

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EBONY ARCHIVES READING CIRCLE, "Lyric: Poems Along A Broken Road", G. Winston James, 7pm; Open Book, 910 21st St., 916-498-1004
HARVEST FESTIVAL CRAFTS MARKETPLACE, thru November 21; Concourse Exhibition Center, 707-778-6300
TEXAS GAY RODEO, Internat'l Gay Rodeo Association, thru Nov 14; Austin, TX, 210-946-7787
LOCOMOTION, Ruth Rosenburg Dance Ensemble, thru November 20; 2791 24th St., 916-457-7733

13th Saturday
CAPITAL CITY SQUARES, Square Dance Club, 7:30pm; Jefferson School, 2001 Pebblewood Dr., 916-929-8697
WOMEN'S MUSIC NITE, Duval Speck Productions, 8pm; CafÈ Roma, 223 3rd St., 530-756-8260
MAGIC FLUTE, Townsend Opera Players, 8pm; Modesto, 209-572-2867
GUMBOFEST & ART SHOWING FOR HEATHER FARGO, KZ's Gallery & CafÈ, 6pm, 1628 K St., 916-551-8900
TEXAS GAY RODEO, Internat'l Gay Rodeo Association, thru Nov 14; Austin, TX, 210-946-7787
SACRAMENTO MEN'S CHORUS, Sierra Arden Church, 7:30pm; 890 Morse Ave., 916-483-5501

14th Sunday
LEATHER IN LACE, 12 noon;

Poetry 101, 4pm; Open Book, 910 21st St., 916-498-1004

15th Monday
MATERIAL WITNESS: MASTERS FROM CA CRAFTS, Crocker Art Museum, thru January 2, 2000; 216 O St, 264-5423
HAMLET, The Actor's Workshop, thru November 28, 8 2 pm; Actor's Theater of Sacramento, 925-6579
VIDEO "ON BEING GAY" - BRIAN MC NAUGHT (2), PFLAG, 7:30-9:30; St. Marks United Methodist Church, ST. Marks Way & Lusk Dr., 978-0410

MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, Lambda Community Center, 6-7:30pm; 1927 L St., 916-442-0185

16th Tuesday
CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION RIGHTS SEMINAR, Law Offices of Bartholomew, Wasznicky & Molinaro, 6:30pm; 4740 Folsom Blvd., 916-443-2055
PORNOGRAPHY OR EROTICA? WHO DECIDES?, Lioness Books, 7pm; 2224 J St, 442-4657
SUPPORT GROUP FOR HIV/AIDS GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 6:30-8:30pm; 1330 21st St., 916-386-2504

17th Wednesday
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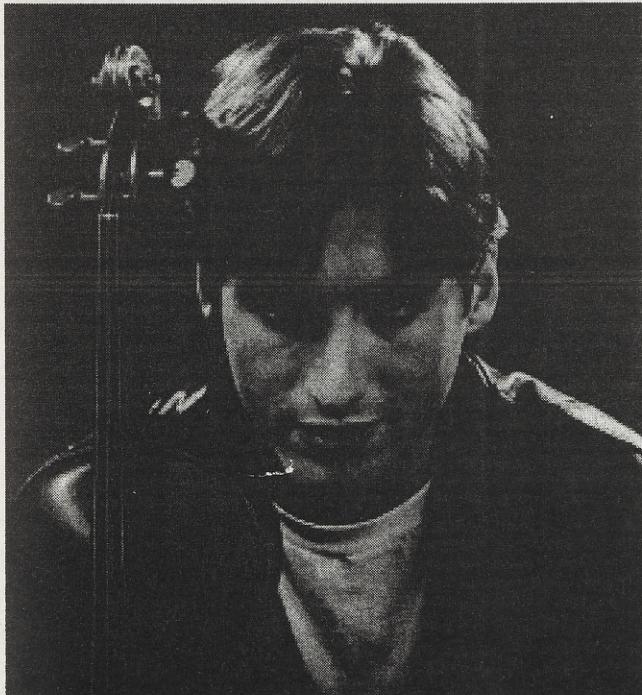
19th Friday
"LYRIC: POEMS ALONG A BROKEN ROAD", Author reading and discussion, 7pm; Open Book, 910 21st St., 916-498-1004
MAGIC FLUTE, Opera Players, 8pm; Modesto, 209-572-2867

20th Saturday
QUEER SWING DANCE, SwingOUT!, lessons 7pm-



8:30pm, DJ dancing till midnight; The California Club, 1750 Clay Street, SF, 415-339-8103
FOLK SINGER/GUITARIST APPEARANCE, James Ralston, 7:30pm; Open Book, 910 21st St., 916-498-1004
DJ DANCING, SACWN, 9pm; Joseph's, 1454 Del Paso Blvd., 653-5245

21st Sunday
MAGIC FLUTE, Townsend Opera Players, 2pm; Modesto, 209-572-2867
THEATER ORGAN CONCERTS: WARREN LUBIC, Towe Auto Museum, 2pm; 2200 Font St., 916-442-6802



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The Real Women Project, realwomenproject.com	
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CAP/PAC Annual Dinner, 736-2722	
Canadian Rockies Int'l Rodeo, 403-541-8140	
SAC Sierra Stampede, 978-4040	
Greater San Diego Rodeo, 619-298-4708	
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	
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ART GALLERIES

ASHCAN GALLERY, Melanie Brown, Sonya Fe, Carole Hand & Patricia Kemick, "Diverse Rhythms", thru November 27; 6005 Auburn Blvd., 916-729-8246	
ART FOUNDRY GALLERY, "Voices Ahora!", thru November 27; 1021 R St., 916-444-2787	
BIG ART GALLERY, "The Big End", Varied Artists, November 4 thru December 31; 1928 L St., 916-446-2740	
BLOOMING ART, "Two Views-One Couple", Tom and Cynthia McKeith, November 4-30; 1901 Capitol Ave., 916-442-3800	
CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART, "Rebuilding the City", Ron Unruh, November 13 thru December 18; 1516 Del Paso Blvd., 916-927-2278	
CHROMA GALLERY, "Hues to You", Varied Artists, thru November 7; "Plein-air Radiance", Varied Artists, November 10 thru December 5; 1003a Fair Oaks Blvd., 916-966-6020	
CROCKER ART MUSEUM, Material Witness; Masters from California Crafts, thru January 2, 2000; American Impressionist Paintings from Wet Coast Collections; Eye of the Needle: Chinese Textiles & Embroideries; Double Take: Photography from the Museum Collection, thru January 30, 2000; Passage to California: Old Master Drawings in the New World, thru November 28; Library Gallery, Student Exhibition: Picturing Myself, Imagining Community, thru November 7; Discovery Gallery Level Material Witness: Masters from California Crafts, thru January 2, 2000; 216 O St., 916-264-5423	
DOIRON GALLERY, "About Face", Anne Bradley, thru November 10; "Gallery Artists Holiday Showcase", Various Artists, November 11 thru December 8; 1625 Del Paso Blvd., 916-564-4433	
EXCENTRIQUE FUNCTIONAL ART GALLERY, "Stories and Lies", Miriam Morris, November 13 thru December 3; 1409 R St., 916-446-1786	
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FINE ARTS MUSEUMS OF SAN FRANCISCO, PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR, The Treasury of St. Francis of Assisi, thru November 14; Recent Acquisitions at the Legion; Spirit Country: Australian Aboriginal Art from the Gartner Myer Collection, September 18 thru January 9, 2000; Richard Diebenkorn's 41 Etchings, September 25 thru January 16; Animals Real and Imagined: Artists Books from the Permanent Collection; 34th Ave. & Clement St., San Francisco, 415-863-3330	
GALLERY 8, "Digital Art: You Can't Take My Fun", thru November 6; "Paintings On Canvas", Vera Ximenes, November 13 thru December 4; 2906 Franklin Blvd., 916-456-4278	
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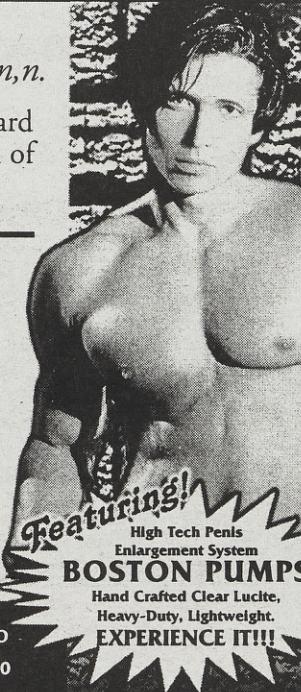
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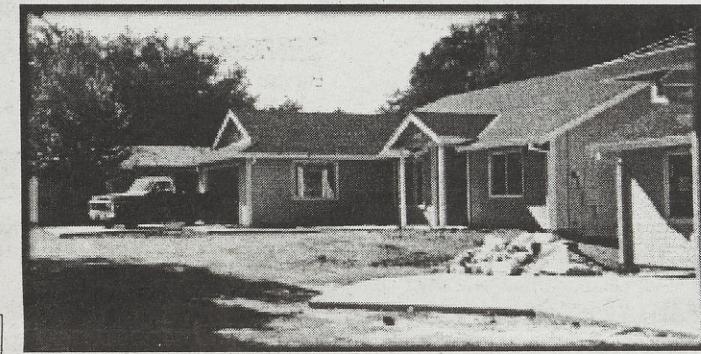
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